

## **When Courage Costs**

Daniel 3

### **Series: Generation Next - Part 3**

#### **Introduction**

*“What was **sheer agony** at the time, turned out to be the best and wisest decision I ever made.”*

*Navigator Conference - Penn State, Fall 1973*

*<sup>1</sup>“So then, my brothers, because of God’s great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. This is the true worship that you should offer.”*

*<sup>2</sup>“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God - what is good and is pleasing to Him and is perfect.”*

*Romans 12:1-2 (Good News Bible)*

## Daniel Chapter 3

### Historical Setting - The King's Decree - v. 1-7

- 90 Foot Image Constructed
- All Nations Gathered
- Worship By All Demanded

### Three Young Non-Conformists - v. 8-27

- They would not **bow** - v. 8-12
- They would not **bend** - v. 13-18
- They would not **burn** - v. 19-27

### The Declaration Of The King - v. 28-30

- Praise To God - v. 28
- Proclamation To The People - v. 29
- Promotion Of The Three - v. 30

## LIFE LESSONS FROM DANIEL 3

1. Every generation will be forced to choose between God and the evil idols of their day.
2. God will test each of us at some point and at some time to determine where our true allegiance lies.
3. Courage is the strength to do what you know is right even when everyone else is doing what's wrong.

God is able! He will deliver those who trust Him.

### Five Ways To Cultivate Courage In Your Child

1. \_\_\_\_\_ courageous yourself.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ a high view of God.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ them with courageous people.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ small "steps" of courage.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lordship issue today!

## **Discussion Questions**

1. What was the basic problem Daniel's three friends faced in this chapter?
2. In what ways do you face similar problems in your life? Where are you tempted to "cave in" to the idols of our day?
3. Discuss the phrase, "Courage is the act of putting your convictions into practice regardless of the cost."
4. Where in your life do you need courage today?
5. What specific step would God have you take by faith today to become a more courageous Christian?