

# Committed

## Walking with Jesus in a Post-Christian Generation

### No Accident

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Beltshazzar - *May Marduk protect his life*

Daniel - *God is my judge*

## After decades of living and working in the palace in and around 4 kings and court:

- He is called *Daniel* – *God is my advocate, my help.*

### 2 Questions:

1. Daniel honored God in every area of his life, how about me?
  - a) Would others who know us and work around us say God is our advocate?
2. Were there practices in his life that guided him to this result?
  - a) Whether we acknowledge them or not, we are who we are largely because of our life practices.

## Series Thread: To live a God-honoring life in a culture that does not always honor God, we start with keeping our commitment.

## Message Thread: Choose your practices well.

### Daniel's story offers a few key insights.

1. Worked with excellence.
2. When will I experience God today?
3. *"Daniel determined not to defile himself."* – Daniel 1:8 NLT
  - a. What will I STOP?
  - b. What will I START?
4. Who will I pull close?
  - a. *"Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah."* – Daniel 1:6 NLT
  - b. *"Daniel spoke with the attendant who had been appointed by the chief of staff to look after Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 'Please test us for ten days.'*  
– Daniel 1:11-12 NLT
5. Where will I place my faith?

- a. *"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it would move."*  
– **Matthew 17:20 NLT**
- b. *"Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."* – **Hebrews 11:1 NLT**
  - i. A few ways to look at FAITH in your life:
    1. What do you choose to see God's way each day?
    2. What am I believing God for?
    3. What evidence do you submit every day?
    4. What will I believe God for?
- c. *"Daniel, you are very precious to God...Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer."* – **Daniel 10:11-12 NLT**

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## **Challenge:**

- What practices do I want to focus on?

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