"Building Character #6: Daniel" July 24, 2016 – Pastor Sam Barry

Principles to Reflect & Study

Challenge of Adjustment Read Dan 1:8-16

Daniel struggled with the new reality and the challenge of a dietary change that was forced upon him. What was Daniels response when asked to compromise one of his beliefs about eating unclean food? Was he angry? Was he frustrated? What strategy did Daniel use to adapt to the changing culture without compromising his beliefs? How can you apply that lesson in your life?

Courage moving forward Read Dan 2:24-28

Daniel volunteered to interpret the Kings dream despite having been sentenced to death along with all the wise men of Babylon. What led Daniel to volunteer to interpret the dream? What kind of attitude/approach did he have in doing this? Where did this attitude come from?

Openness to the leading of the LORD

Daniel in his life served different rulers in Babylon. Through his years and all the changes that occurred Daniel stayed faithful to the LORD's leading. He always trusted that Gods plan's were greater than those of the men around him.

How in your life are you able to trust God through change and transition? Do you hold on to things in your life tightly or loosely during change? Ask the Lord to strengthen your confidence in following His leading in your life. Pray that you will recognize and follow faithfully where God leads you.