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6 Cs COMPROMISE COURAGE COMMANDMENT COMMITMENT CONFESSION CONTAGIOUS (Daniel 3)

Daniel 1:2 Vessels of the house of God who filled with wisdom & discernment v4 to serve in the Kings court APPOINTED v5 after 3 years the Kings personal service ANNIONTED v19 10 times better than others v20 means authority over government PROMOTED ADVANCED 2:48,49 progresses as faithful Prove yourself to God (King) before given a greater responsibility

The devil trick is to get you to elevate yourself before you're ready or approved We think our ways are better than Gods way When you elevate God he elevates you

TOUGH TIMES CALL FOR TOUGH PEOPLE Tough times don't last but tough people do
Tough got it wrong concept not hard but not soft but a people with spiritual backbone who take a stand
for God no matter what It's called courage is not cowardice it is conformity even a dead fish can go down
stream

3:5,6 BEND – CULTURE/COMPROMISE not Christian term Culture always makes it seem like you don't have a choice Culture commands us to follow their ways Culture tells us their way is the best you see Culture is about elevating self, interesting that culture won't tell you not to follow God NO Culture will use flattery in order to fiollow them & in the process you disregard Gods ways without even realizing it Culture rules that are made even ridiculous but we are required to follow them, that's what you do BUT there are those who don't fall for it They see it for what it is These people are seem as opposers, radicals rather than followers

Rules arent meant to be broken but when they go against the Word of God we have to make a choice even if we are persecuted for it ie homosexuality, Muslim's, abortion, traditions in Church That's if we speak out Of course we abide by the law of the land where it doesn't conflict with the Word When we take a stand, people rant & rage, call us names & give us an ultimatum, if you don't follow our ways You don't belong here They try tp pressure us to fit in, to go with the crowd, to conform to their ways The devil is real friendly when we follow the culture but as soon as we take a stand for something, he throws a fit & gets in our face trying to scare us We need to understand the devil is toothless lion with only a roar He has no power over us, only what we give him

3:8,12 have you seen this – people tell on others mr bigs feel important cause keeping the law I'm doing it you have too

## COMMANMENT 3:1 decree to BOW down to god

Exodus 20:5 command not to worship other gods or sins be on children & children's children An idol is anything that takes the place of God Exodus 23:24 not to worship instead destroy them (natural/spiritual) We have to allow God to change us allowing Him to work convict & deal with undealt sin in our lives As sometimes we are not aware of it especially if its generational

Distraction is enemy's ploy to get us to focus on the things of this world Either world of Word (Christ).

COURAGE to admit our need for God, to change, to make decisions that may not be popular, to hold onto your beliefs, no matter what people say When I was in Fiji I preached at a Indian Church where it hit me that these people have sacrificed having their family to follow Christ

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Stand firm it takes courage v16-18 It doesn't mean we don't fear but that we choose faith over fear To not BOW down to the demands of those around us Choose to disregard the fear & then the Spirit of God will arise within because we rely on Gods strength even in the face of death Courage is standing firm in spite of my fear When you step out in God is always there ie in storm you don't see Christ

Courage is strength to stand/not waver/nor cross the line but to give us a spiritual backbone

Courage isn't absence of fear it is acting in spite of it (Mark Twain)

learnt that courage was not the absence of fear but that one triumphs over it The brave man is not who feels afraid but he who conquerors' that fear (Melson Mandela)

I WILL NO LONGER/NOT BOW DOWN – CONFESSION IS POSSESSION
Life is composed of your choices & constructed by your words 1 Corinthians 16:13,14 Stand firm in the faith Do not waver declare 'I will stand no matter what comes against me'
Not enough just to say it HAVE TO DO IT that's called faith You see a coward can praise God but it takes a man or woman of courage to follow Him

COMMITMENT v16 Gods three musketeers They didn't need to explain themselves v17 our God whom we serve is able to deliver us Remember they served in the courts of the King But they weren't exempt Position is no guarantee you won't be persecuted v18 even if we die let it be known that we will not serve your god WE WILL NOT BOW DOWN

Standing firm takes faith- these guys had faith – no matter what went down WIN WIN situation If they die they'll be with God If they live Gods testimony of His faithfulness It's not our place to question what God does or doesn't do We need to trust Him that He will do what's best because He loves us

v21-27 Four people in the furnace They are loosed & walking around unharmed BURN nope
Psalm 66:12 We went through fire & water but we were brought into a place of abundance
43:2 even though I pass through waters & fire It will not harm/touch me
V19
Seven(perfection) times hotter Fire symbol of Holy Spirit Send the fire v22 the heat slew those who carried them as they were bound/tied up v21 they were loosed of their bondage, set free
Pso often people try to bind us with word curses No weapon formed against me will prosper Jesus sets me free from any word curse Lord let our words be ones that bring healing & release
Fourth man is son of God God is always with us when we need Him most v27 no effects of fire, no smell, not singed at all If God be for us who can be against us The devil can't touch those that in His will

CONTAGIOUS courage is contagious when a brave man takes a stand the spine of others are stiffened (Billy Graham) Standing firm inspires, admired by others & they want to be like you When you come out of a storm you won't be the same person that walked into it Trails are for His Glory not ours

A MAN WHO IS INTIMATE WITH GOD IS NOT INTIMATED BY MEN (Leonard Ravenhill)

Matthew 10:32 Stand up for me against the worlds opinions & ill stand for you before My Father in heaven Choose to Honor the Lord & Fear Him Acts 7:55,56 but Stephen full of Holy Spirit gazed steadily into heaven & saw the Glory of God & he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at Gods right hand & he told look I see the heavens opened & the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at Gods right hand

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