

Week of February 19

Focus: Chapter 8: No More Compromising Your Integrity

Theme: Integrity

Scripture Memory: Daniel 3:17-18

Overview: "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office." - Dwight Eisenhower

### Daily Devotions (Scripture & Meditation):

- **Monday:** Daniel 1-2
  - *"What you say and what you mean are the same thing."*
  - *Would others consider you a man of integrity? Why or why not?*
  - *Would God consider you a man of integrity? Why or why not?*
  
- **Tuesday:** Daniel 3-4
  - *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. **17** If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us[c] from Your Majesty's hand. **18** But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*
  - *Have there been circumstances where your faith has been tested in front of others? How did you respond? What are ways to strengthen your faith?*
  
- **Wednesday:** Daniel 5-6
  - Daniel 6:7-9: *The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions' den. **8** Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed." **9** So King Darius put the decree in writing."*
  - *Have you ever been accused of proselytizing while just sharing your faith at your workplace or social gatherings? Are you fearful of being accused of proselytizing or losing friends/job for sharing your faith?*
  - *Based on Daniel's life, what are ways that you can live out your faith on a regular basis?*
  
- **Thursday:** Daniel 7-8
  - *"When you are a man of integrity, God deals with your enemies for you."*
  - *"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Romans 12:19*
  - *When you read those texts, were you jubilant or sorrowful for the ultimate victory of your perceived enemies? Do you realize that you were once an enemy to the King?*
  - *How does this revelation change your actions and reactions towards your perceived enemies?*

- **Friday:** Daniel 9-10
  - “Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments, **5** we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. **6** We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.
  - From this text, Look at Daniel accepting responsibility also for the sins against God and His messengers.
  - How often do you pray for the sins of our country and world as a contributor?
  
- **Saturday:** Daniel 11-12
  - *“Moses lost his integrity when he killed the Egyptian, but God gave it back. David lost his integrity with Bathsheba, but he confessed his sin and God restored him. Peter lost his integrity by denying Christ three times, but got it back when he humbled himself”.*
  - *What comfort can you take from the text above? What confessions should you make to be redeemed and build integrity?*
  
- **Sunday (Accountability Day): Matthew 26:33**
  - Ask a brother about the scripture memory for the week to keep each other accountable.

### **Weekly Challenge:**

Are you willing to be grounded in the truth even in the face of temptation to bend your integrity to get ahead? Are you willing to lose an appealing job or achievement by keeping your integrity intact? Make the change. Seek forgiveness, repentance, and redemption. Find someone to hold you accountable for it.