



WHEN IN
BABYLON

Daniel 1

WARM UP

Have you received a speeding ticket? Have you ever talked your way out of one?

SET IT UP

Daniel was dragged from his home and forced to march 500 miles to the capital of Babylon. And there, far from his family, his people, his place of worship—far from everything familiar—his convictions were put to the test. Daniel thrived in a society that didn't share his morals. If Daniel can do that in Babylon, what can we do today?

CHAT IT UP

1. **Did you ever do something you shouldn't and thought you would get away with it... only to get caught? Share the story.**
2. **Read Daniel 1:6-17. Recap what happened to these teenage boys.**
3. **On a scale from 1 to 10, how much pressure do you think Daniel was under? (1 = No Prob! & 10 = Overwhelming). Why?**
4. **What do you think you would have done if you were in Daniel's place?**
5. **In your line of work, or daily experience, where are people tempted to cut corners or compromise standards? What are the consequences?**
6. **When have you been under pressure to compromise? How did you handle it? (*If you had another chance, how would you like to handle it?*)**
7. **Instead of complaining, Daniel got creative. How do you think Christians could creatively respond when our culture conflicts with our values?** (Hint: Think of recent hot topics and try to think of a tactful and graceful way to handle them.)

WRAP IT UP

Our reactions represent Jesus to the people around us. When the pressure is on, don't compromise. Ask God for wisdom to make it work instead.

LEADER TIPS

- This week's discussion lends itself to dividing up into smaller prayer groups. If you have a mixed group, we recommend putting the men and women in different groups. In the groups, discuss the areas where you feel most pressured to compromise. Then, pray for each other.