

Boldness and Influence
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Daniel 6

Big Idea: Making a difference as an exile requires boldness.

Exile: A citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it.

Making a difference as an exile requires boldness.

Boldness: A refusal to be held back by the opinion, judgement, or power of others.

- 1. Boldness without integrity is worthless.**
- 2. If you cease to be bold, you cease to have influence.**
- 3. God uses our boldness to make a difference. (different from "I make a difference")**

Where has God given you influence?

2 Timothy 1:6-7

For more on boldness, check out the February 22nd episode of the Native Exiles podcast. Subscribe at NativeExiles.com

Sermon questions

Meet Daniel. A man who stayed radically faithful to God and thrived in his faith while living right in the middle of one of the most godless kingdoms of all time. He has a lot to teach us about what it looks like to be an exile—a citizen of God's kingdom who lives in the tension of being in the world but not of it. We are continuing our series in Daniel, and our passage this Sunday is **Daniel 6**. The Big Idea is *Making a difference as an exile requires boldness*.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Reread **vs. 4-5**. Wyatt's point was that boldness without integrity is worthless. When have you seen a lack of integrity inhibit the ability of the church to witness to our culture?
2. Reread **vs. 10**. What does boldness such as this look like for someone like you today?
3. Reread **vs. 26-27**. How difficult is it for you to believe that non-Christians can respond to God like that? Who in your life can you be praying for to that end?

4. Where can you **grow** in your integrity right now so that you can boldly represent Jesus to those around you?

5. In what areas and relationships has God given you influence right now? How can you be bold as you **go** to represent Jesus in those contexts?