

# BE A CHANGEMAKER WITH A STRONG HEART

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Compromise refers to the act of making concessions or adjustments to find a common ground or a middle point between two or more conflicting parties. It can be a useful way in resolving disputes or conflicts in various settings such as politics, business, or personal relationships, but when it comes to following God's principles, we must be unwavering in standing for our faith and making up our mind to obey God at all costs. Giving in to pressures from within ourselves or outside influences such as peers, social media, or authority figures could hinder our ability to become positive "changemakers" for the Lord. Daniel, a captive of King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon, faced intense pressure to abandon his worship of the God of Israel and conform to Babylonian culture. As Christians, we also face pressure to compromise our faith and convictions. To be a strong "changemaker" for God, we must learn from the example of Daniel who had a strong heart that is devoted to God. How can we have a strong heart like him?

## CONVICTION

Developing godly convictions is essential for followers of Christ, as they help us resist the pressures to compromise our faith and values. Daniel's conviction to not defile himself with the king's food was rooted in his faith and devotion to God. He recognized that eating these foods would not only go against God's commands but also imply allegiance to Babylon's false gods. We too can form godly convictions by regularly immersing ourselves in God's word and prayer. By doing so, we can better understand God's character and will, and as a result, our minds and hearts will be transformed to reflect His values and priorities. Being accountable to a community of believers, such as a discipleship group, can help us stay on track and receive support when facing pressure. Ultimately, Jesus is the foundation of our convictions as believers in Christ. We follow His teachings and example, and His truth guides us in every area of life. By remaining anchored in Him, we can have the strength and courage to stand firm in our faith, even in the face of opposition or temptation to compromise.

## LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself.

DANIEL 1:8

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## CONSIDERATE

When we have strong convictions about God and His ways, it is easy for us to become prideful and combative towards those who do not share our beliefs. However, this is not the attitude that we should have as believers. Instead, we should strive to be gracious, loving, and polite to all people, just as God is to us. Daniel and his friends exemplified this kind of humility and wisdom in their response to the king's commands. Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the king's food, but he did not do so in a confrontational or judgmental way. Instead, he appealed to the authority in a respectful manner, showing that he was humble and wise. As a result, God gave him wisdom and favor before the commander, as we see in Daniel 1:10-16.

## COURAGE

Daniel's unwavering faith and courage to obey God in the face of opposition and persecution serve as an inspiring example for us. He did not fear the consequences of obeying God, even if it meant being thrown into the lions' den (Daniel 6:10). Throughout his life, he remained faithful to God, and this faithfulness had a powerful impact on the kings he served. Daniel's commitment to God led to the conversion of the Persian king, Darius. When Darius saw God's faithfulness in delivering Daniel from the lions' den, he declared that everyone in his kingdom must revere the God of Daniel.

We also have the privilege to become changemakers in the world. It may not always be easy, but we can trust in the Lord to take care of the results as we follow His ways. The reason why it is worth obeying God is because of Jesus! He died for us and rose again, and there is nowhere else where we can experience that kind of love but with Him as our Savior and Lord. Be a changemaker with a strong heart today.

## DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

What are some convictions you are living for presently?  
How were you able to evaluate if it is the right conviction to live by?

What do you think about the biblical convictions God commands His followers to obey?  
What makes it hard or easy for you to follow these convictions?

What impacted you from the life of Daniel about having a strong heart  
in living out biblical convictions?

What biblical convictions do you need to courageously live out today?  
How will you have a strong heart like Daniel?

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# Want a summer to remember? **Know Jesus!**

Let's chat and pray  
at the Welcome Center.  
See you at the 2/F lobby!

## STEP INTO THE **COMMUNITY**

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!

### **WOMEN2WOMEN**

ALL WOMEN

**She Did What?!**  
**Servant Girl of Naaman**  
**Women Who Made a Difference**

May 4, Thursday  
10:00 AM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

 ccfwomen2women  
 CCFWomen2WomenMinistry

### **Women Living Free**

for women seeking answers on gender  
identity and God's design

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM via Zoom

 (0917) 545 9129  
 (0921) 547 9381

### **B1G MINISTRY**

SINGLES

To Live is \_\_\_\_\_:  
**Choosing Hope and Joy**  
**Even When Life is Hard**

May 5, Friday, 7:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Hall

ALSO STREAMED ONLINE

  B1GMinistry  
 beonewithgod

### **NXTGEN**

KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

**Changemakers:**  
**Be God's Agents for Change**

Sundays, 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM

G/F North Wing, CCF Center

ALSO STREAMED LIVE ONLINE

  ccfnxtgen for ages 4-12  
zoom for ages 7-12

## **LEARN MORE** ABOUT THE FAITH

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### Dgroup Membership 101

OPEN TO ALL

April 30, Sunday, Room 2A

### GLC Level 2 – Zoom Cycle 1 (Ongoing)

Survey of the Bible, Sessions 7-8:  
People and Periods of the Old Testament  
May 4, Thursday, 7:30 PM

### Join GLC's Training Cycle 2 for all levels!

**GLC Level 1 – Face-to-Face**

**GLC Level 1 – Zoom Cycle 2**

See you in May!

**GLC Level 3 – Zoom Cycle 2**

See you in June!

Go to [bit.ly/GLCTraining2023](https://bit.ly/GLCTraining2023) to register

## JOIN AND **PARTICIPATE**

Come together with the community to learn and grow,  
or to retreat and recharge!

### Premarital Counseling Class Online Class

OPEN TO SINGLE AND ENGAGED COUPLES

May 25 - July 25

Enrolment is open until May 22 **only**

Visit [go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnlineFAQs](https://go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnlineFAQs) for details

Register at [go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnline2023](https://go.ccf.org.ph/PMCOOnline2023)

### B1G True Life Retreat: #BestWeekendEver

OPEN TO SINGLES 20-45 YEARS OLD

June 16 - 18, Mt. Makiling Re-Creation Center

RETREAT FEE: PHP4,500

Visit the booth at the G/F lobby to register

## **SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE**

**SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM**  
**MULTI-PURPOSE HALL**

ALSO STREAMING LIVE AT

 Christ's Commission  
Fellowship

 B1G Ministry

  Elevate Main

LOOKING FOR ANSWERS? THINK YOUR  
VISIT IS A COINCIDENCE? YOUR BEING  
HERE TODAY IS NO ACCIDENT!

## **God brought you here for His purpose.**

### **1 God loves you.**

He desires for you to have a  
meaningful life with Him in the  
present and gain eternal life with  
Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps**  
**His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

### **2 God is holy.**

We are sinful, and our sin  
separates us from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away  
from God's saving presence.  
– Romans 3:23*

### **3 God is merciful.**

In His love, He made the **only**  
way for us to be reconciled to  
Him: through His son, Jesus  
Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised  
to life for eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by  
His blood, we shall be saved from the  
wrath of God through Him.  
– Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. – John 14:6*

### **4 God is gracious.**

By placing our faith in Jesus  
Christ, we are forgiven of our sins  
and saved from eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He  
gave His only begotten Son, that  
whoever believes in Him shall not  
perish, but have eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved  
through faith; and that not of  
yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as  
a result of works, so that no one may  
boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

### **5 God keeps His promises.**

You can be sure that you have  
eternal life when you trust in  
Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name  
of the Son of God, so that you may know  
that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*



## **JOIN US ON SUNDAYS**

AT CCF CENTER

10:00 AM (English)

3:00 PM (Filipino)

ONLINE

10:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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