

SERMON NOTES

TITLE: Living a Missionary Lifestyle

TEXT: Daniel 11:32b

TOPIC: Witnessing

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“But the people who know their God shall be strong and do great things.”
Daniel 11:32b (LB).

The real proof of the resurrection for those who do not yet believe is in how we, as Christians **live our lives**.

The people who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit are different. And through that difference we become the **evidence** that Jesus is alive because He is living in us.

In the book of Daniel there are three accounts that bare out the truth that *the people who know their God shall be strong and do great things*.

DANIEL AS A NEW-COMER IN BABYLON.

King Nebuchadnezzar recruits the most talented and promising young Hebrew men to his service. Daniel was among those who were chosen.

Daniel determines he will **not compromise** his beliefs and principles. (1:8)

What the world needs now is Christians who will **not conform** to this world's values and standards.

As Christians, we are to be salt and light. We do that. not by becoming isolated, but by becoming **influential**.

The world around us cannot see the Jesus we **proclaim** *risen* if it doesn't see Jesus **present and living** in and through our daily lives.

SHADRACH, MESHACH AND ABEDNEGO REFUSE TO BOW TO THE KING'S IMAGE.

Like Daniel they had become influential. It broke the **Kings heart** to throw them into the fiery furnace.

These men had a **history** with God. *“The God we serve is able to save us... but even if he does not we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”* (18) *Our God can deliver us O King, but (and I love this line) even if He does not deliver us, we will not bow!*

God may not keep you from the fiery furnace but He'll **be there** with you.

The King saw a living, powerful God at work, and became **a believer**. (28)

DANIEL AS AN OLD MAN, STILL LIVING HIS LIFE WITH INTEGRITY, (6:3) FINDS FAVOR WITH KING DARIUS.

Daniel's enemies try to bring him down, but *“no corruption could be found”* (6:4). So they get Darius to pass a decree that no one can pray to another God for thirty days, but Daniel **doesn't change a thing** about his daily routine.

When Daniel was in the Lion's Den, God was **there with him**.

The most convincing proof of the resurrection is the **difference** Jesus makes in our lives. It is through you **Jesus lives**!

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours;
No hands but yours, no feet but yours;
Yours are the eyes through which his compassion
will look upon the world;
Yours are the feet with which he will
go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which
He will bless others now. – Saint Teresa of Avila*