

# Daniel's Life of Meaning

## Daniel 1:8-9

Life Group Discussion – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Daniel was a man of God and followed in obedience to what God commanded. He is a man that is a model for all of us.

What kind of life did Daniel live?

### 1. Daniel lived a life of meaning

Everyone lives with a purpose. Daniel had one purpose, and that was to give glory to God.

**But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. (Daniel 1:8)**

Daniel was not in a position to make any type of demand or request. And yet in his faith, he asked those above him to allow him to only drink water and eat vegetables.

If your purpose is toward God, there is nothing in this world that will make you afraid. You move out in boldness and live courageously.

### 2. Daniel did not try to escape reality

Daniel was in a terrible situation. His nation was taken over and he was a prisoner.

But what Daniel did was pray. Even when the King decreed a law that those who prayed to other gods would die, Daniel defied the nation and continued to pray to God.

Prayer is powerful and when it becomes a habit it will change our lives.

My brothers and sisters,

Even in all his situations and circumstances, Daniel trusted in God alone. Let us also live trusting in God and living in courage and in truth.

## SHARING-----

1. Daniel lived a life of meaning. What were some of his actions that showed his life had just one purpose?
2. What was Daniel's driving force in living his life? What is your driving force in life? When you think about your own life, is it a life of meaning or one that is more directionless? Please share.
3. What is something you need in order to have a life that is more like Daniel's? Was there a time in your life that helped you reorient yourself to a life of meaning? Share with one another.