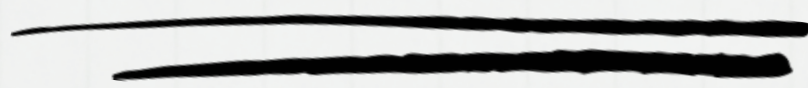




# *Living for Christ* *in an Immoral World*



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**40 AD**  
1,000

**100 AD**  
7,000-  
10,000

**200 AD**  
200,000

**300 AD**  
5-6 Million

New Faith  
New Identity  
New Way of Life





# Daniel 1:8

“Daniel determined that he would **not defile himself** with the king’s food or with the wine he drank. So he asked permission from the chief eunuch not to defile himself.





# *Daniel 1:11-16*

“Test your servants for ten days; let us be given vegetables to eat and water to drink... At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than the youths who ate the king’s food.”





“A person can starve himself for only so long before the choice becomes clear: either I find something to eat, or . . . I’m gonna die. . . . This is why the culture’s ‘**fast-food gospel**’ — the promise of immediate gratification through indulgence of desire — inevitably wins large numbers of converts from the ‘**starvation diet gospel**.’”



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# Our *Passions* Include:




*Knowledge*



*Experience*





# *Daniel 3:17-18*

“If the God we serve exists, then he can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he can rescue us from the power of you, the king. But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that **we will not serve your gods** or worship the gold statue you set up.”





# The Gospel Changes Us

It is not an external command but an *internal motivation*.

**1 John 1:6**

"If we say, 'We have fellowship with him,' and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth."

**1 John 4:19**

"We love because he first loved us."

**Philippians 2:5**

"Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus."

**Ephesians 4:32**

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."



# Are You *Following* Jesus?

**Deference**

**Zeal &  
Engagement**

**Missional  
Ownership**



# What is freedom?

Freedom  
From

and

Freedom  
For



What laws  
do we still  
need?

What laws  
feel like a  
**burden** or  
imposition?



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