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# The Power of a Made Up Mind

This past weekend Pastor Ken started a series entitled, Courageous. We will look at the life of Daniel and his example of courage. Over these weeks, we invite you to journey with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's explore together how to be courageous during this series.

*But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice Food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself.* Daniel 1:8

1. There were things that Daniel could not determine but he made up his mind to take care of what was within his power.
2. Convictions are those things that you will not do no matter what. If Daniel believed something was going to dishonor God, he would not do it. What are the convictions that you have? Don't let the winds of the world set you back but move you forward.
3. When Daniel ran into a problem he looked for a creation solution (read Daniel 1:11-16).
4. Daniel was taken away from his parents when he was 15 years old and thrown into an educational system that was hostile to his faith and sought to undermine his faith. But he was able to make it through without losing his faith and finished top of the class (Daniel 1:17-20). One of the keys to his success is that he was not alone. His friends were with him and they encouraged each other in the faith. Who do you have in your life that can encourage you?
5. Pastor Ken is calling us all to have courage in 2020. Where do you need to show courage in your life this year? God is on the inside of you to give you the strength that you need.

Close in prayer