

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: IT'S NOT JUST FOR YOU

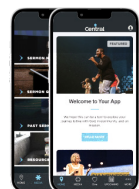
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BIG IDEA: Faithfulness doesn't demand cultural control. Religious freedom isn't just for Christians—it's a test of how we steward conviction and compassion in the public square.

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Acts 15:1–2a, Daniel 1:17, Daniel 2:27–28, 2:44, Daniel 3:16–18, Daniel 4:19, Daniel 6:10, Exodus 6:7, John 1:12, Mark 1:15

1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3:16–18) refused to bow to the king's image. How does their “even if He does not” faith speak to living faithfully without controlling culture?
2. Daniel and his friends were given new Babylonian names (Daniel 1:17). How can accepting life in a pluralistic society without losing your identity be part of faithful witness?
3. “Context is not the enemy; it's our mission field.” What might this mindset look like in your own workplace, neighborhood, or online presence?
4. Exodus 6:7 and John 1:12 show that we belong to God through covenant and adoption. How can this secure identity help us respond well when our beliefs are challenged?
5. Daniel 4:19 shows Daniel's compassion even when delivering hard truth. How can we hold firm convictions without “shouting to win”?
6. Daniel 2:44 and Mark 1:15 remind us of God's eternal Kingdom. How does remembering which story we're serving affect the way we engage in debates about rights and freedoms today?
7. Looking at all four “frames” — Context, Covenant, Conscience, Kingdom — which one do you find most challenging to live out, and why?



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