

West Valley Church of Christ – October 26, 2025

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

COURAGE TO SAY ‘No’

When the Babylonians, under King Nebuchadnezzar, ruled over the Hebrews, Daniel, a Hebrew youth, was chosen as one of the select group of students who would be trained to serve in the king’s palace. When living in the palace, the students were to eat delicacies and drink the wine the king provided. There were certain things that the Hebrews were not to eat or drink and Daniel knew this. Therefore, under great pressure, 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). God blessed Daniel for his faithful obedience and he came into the highest favor with the king. As we read through the first chapter of Daniel it becomes clear Daniel had the courage to say “No!” The Bible often urges us to be courageous and strong in taking a stand for what is right in God’s eyes. It is seldom easy to go against the crowd. When we face some situations, we must have a godly type of courage. Those who serve in God’s army today must be bold to stand up for what is right. As we stand in God’s mighty power (Ephesians 6:10) we need to demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) God has put in us. When we stand in this way we do not stand alone.



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