

# Uncommonly Courageous



## Kicking It Off:

Who is someone that you admire for standing up for what they believe in? What did they have to sacrifice to do so?

## Weekend Review:

Unfortunately, we have all seen churches that were once good and thriving go bad and become destructive. History shows with painful clarity that if teachers in the church, leaders in the church; and the members of the church neglect their responsibilities even the best of churches can drift into irrelevance. This question begs, “How do good churches stay good?” The answer is simple - by having teachers, leaders and members that are uncommonly courageous who live their lives according to Scripture and the power given to them by Jesus Christ.

## Discussion:

1. Read Daniel 3. Outline as a group the historical context. What is the bottom line or climax in the testimony of the three men?
2. What were they sure about? What were they unsure about (see verses 17-18)?
3. List the ways Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego uncommonly courageous? What were the positive outcomes of their act of courage (see verses 28-29).
4. Describe your relationship with God when your faith is tried? How do trials affect what you believe about God? How do you remain faithful if He does not rescue you in a way you think He should?
5. In what area of your life do you feel the greatest pressure to compromise your convictions?
6. Turn to Acts 20 and read verses 17-37. How does Paul describe leaders who are to be uncommonly courageous?

7. How would you complete this sentence: “The one thing I must accomplish is \_\_\_\_\_?” (see 20:24).

8. React to this statement: “The real test of your Christian spirit is not how well you lead when you’re in charge, but it’s how well you follow when you’re not in charge.”

9. For you, is it more difficult to be a courageous follower or a courageous leader? Explain.

## Wrapping It Up:

Finish by reading Acts 2:42-47 aloud. Pray as a group to fulfill your mandate to belong, grow, and serve together. Pray for uncommon courage to fulfill your calling to be teachers, leaders and church members.



## Transforming Our Communities...One Neighborhood At A Time

### Reminders / Tips:

- **40 Days in the Word is coming to Eastside Feb. 25/26. Study materials are available now in the tent during our weekend services and Tuesday – Friday at the church Office from 8:30-5:00. The cost is \$15.00 per person.**
- **Awakening. Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:00 PM in the Main Auditorium. Begin the Lent season with this night of prayer and worship. All invited. Children’s activities for birth – 6th grade.**