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session 9

## EVEN IF

### as you GO

These are simple questions to ask your students as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

- .01** When you are pressured to go along with the crowd, what might the consequences be if you choose not to?
- .02** What are some of the reasons that other people or our culture might pressure us to fit in or blend in with the crowd?

### family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

### summary: DANIEL 3:14-27

In his pride, King Nebuchadnezzar had constructed a golden statue and commanded everyone who served him to worship it. However, Daniel's three friends refused to worship anyone other than their own God. In a rage, Nebuchadnezzar ordered them to be bound and thrown into a blazing furnace. Even in the face of certain death, these three men stayed faithful to God, trusting in His goodness and mercy. As followers of Christ, we may never face such a dramatic test of our faith, but our faith will often mean that we don't blend in or go with the crowd. We might have to make a different choice and risk sticking out. Even when it is difficult, believers are called to be faithful at all costs.

### discussion QUESTIONS

- .01** What does this passage teach us about Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abadnego's ultimate priorities? What were they trusting in?
- .02** Is it worth it for you to stay faithful to God even when it's the unpopular thing to do? Why or why not?

**PRAY:** Say a prayer thanking God that we can trust His ways. Ask Him to show you how His ways are better than the world's when you are tempted to give in to pressure from the world.

### CENTRAL truth

Believers are called to remain faithful at all costs.

### LEADER challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in their *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

**DAY 1** DANIEL 3:14-18

**DAY 2** DANIEL 3:19-23

**DAY 3** DANIEL 3:24-27

**DAY 4** DANIEL 3:28-30

**DAY 5** HEBREWS 11:32-40