



## God and Country - In God We Trust

With all the changes in our country in the last 2 decades, how have perceptions of people of faith and Christianity in general changed?

What caused that?

Have you ever felt pressure because of your faith? How did you handle that?

Was your response Christlike?

### **Read: Daniel Chapter 1**

**This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!**

**- 2 Corinthians 5:17**

The King's first move was to try and change these young men's identity. When we come to Jesus we become new creations with a new identity in Christ. Why is the battle for our identity so important?

How does our culture try to shift our understanding of who we are from the Biblical standards of who Christ calls us to be?

How do we resist that? What aspects of our culture is it OK to accept into our lives?

How much of a leap of faith was it for Daniel to refuse the king's food?

Have you ever taken that kind of a public stand based on your faith?

How did God prove Himself faithful in that situation?

**The Lord keeps close watch over the whole world, to give strength to those whose hearts are loyal to him.**

**-2 Chronicles 16:9 GNT**

How have you found God giving you strength as you have been loyal to Him?

Daniel had 3 other friends with him through his trials. How can this group come together to offer the support we need in times of trouble? Is there anyone in the group that might need help now?

Take time to close in prayer.