

RADICAL TRUST IN A FAITHFUL GOD

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TURN AWAY FROM FEAR
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2. _____ the evil and turn from it.

3. Turning away means _____ evil with good.

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2. Name the evil and turn from it.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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CONNECT

Discuss a time when you felt as if you had an angel on one shoulder and the devil on the other as you process through a decision...

ENGAGE

What portion of the weekend's message connected the most deeply with you about turning away from evil and keeping your focus on God?

GROW

- What does "turning away from evil" practically look like in everyday life?
- How does turning toward God give us strength to turn away from sin?
- In Daniel's story, what does his "resolve" teach us about preparing our hearts before temptation comes?
- What makes naming the specific evil in our lives so difficult at times?
- How have you seen hidden sin grow stronger when it's not acknowledged or confessed?
- How does honesty before God break the power of temptation?
- Why is simply "stopping" a sinful habit not enough to create lasting change?
- What does it look like to intentionally "replace evil with good" in a practical way?
- Which area of your life currently needs a "put off / put on" change?
- How does community help us walk in wholehearted obedience?
- What one specific step of obedience can you take this week to close the gap between what you say and how you live?

CHALLENGE

Our challenge is a question: From which evil do you need to turn away, and turn your attention back to the Lord? Name it, bring it before God, and replace it with an act of obedience. Don't generalize it. Don't excuse it. Name it. Turn from it. Replace it.