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## Sermon Title: No Other God!

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**Scripture:** Daniel 3:16-18 - Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

1. God’s people can’t give ultimate allegiance to anyone or anything *other* than God – or in addition to God!
2. People are often prepared to pay a high spiritual price for the benefits promised by human societies and governments.
3. The world often demands a high price from those who refuse to do things its way!
4. Those who opt for unbelief – or false belief – will always bring accusations against God’s people.
5. People mock what they don’t understand, and the unbelieving can’t understand devotion to God. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
6. Believers’ devotion to God feels like a denunciation of other devotions.
7. The world’s accusations against God’s people are ultimately accusations against God Himself.
8. Jesus’ followers can never afford to relax, because the world we live in is in rebellion against God.
9. The temptation to compromise always appears logical and rather harmless. But it’s neither!
10. In biblical faith truth is revealed by God. In religious pluralism it’s defined by human choices.
11. A culture that largely rejects the worship of God will worship human choice as if it is God.
12. Those who compromise biblical faith betray God - and invite others to join them.
13. If we choose devotion when the temptation level is lower, we’ll be able to stand firm when it’s at its highest. (Luke 16:10)

## Growth Group Questions

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#### WARM-UPS

1. Did you play a musical instrument growing up? If so, what was it? Do you still play? Why or why not?
2. What do you admire most about Shadrach and the boys so far?

#### DISCUSSION

1. What did you find most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon today and why?
2. Do you sometimes have difficulty separating “God and country?” If so, in what ways?
3. Do you currently feel pressure to conform more to cultural values? If so, in what ways? How do you see these pressures increasing in the future?
4. Share about a time when you took an unpopular stand for God’s truth in the face of cultural pressure. Did you pay a price for that stand? If so, what was it?
5. Are you currently making any compromises in your faith because they seem to be logical and harmless? If so, what are they?

#### IN THE WORD

Read some of the passages below and discuss any insights into today’s message.

- 1 Corinthians 2:14
- Luke 16:10
- John 14:6

#### PRACTICE

- Share one “faith principle” or “lesson” you walked away with from today’s message. Now write it down including how you can apply it to your life. Ask God to help you do so.
- Spend some time alone with God asking him to make you aware of any “compromises” you may be making in your faith that seemed harmless initially. What do you hear Him saying? Are there any changes He’s prompting you to make? If so, what are they?