

# Curveball

## Curveball—Week One: Compromise

**Connect:** With our “Curveball” series centered around baseball themes, did you ever play baseball? Share a fun baseball story or ballpark memory with the group.

### Grow

1. **Read Daniel 6:1-10.** It's not too hard to imagine a government that defies God, but what would you do if there was a ban on prayer? How did Daniel respond and would you do the same?
2. Daniel determined to bow now so he could stand later. What is the benefit of prayer before protest? Why is the order important?
3. Finish the story in **Daniel 6:16-27.** Daniel's trust in God is put on full display here. How did his example affect the king and the entire nation? What do you think it was like in the lion's den?
4. **Read Daniel 1:8 and 6:10.** In both moments of Daniel's life, how was he determined not to defile himself? What's the difference between being defiant and being determined?
5. The same way integrity is developed by making wise decisions over a long period of time, compromises tend to feel small at first and then become part of our character. What can you do this week to guard yourself from “small” compromises?
6. How do you think Daniel was able to guard and grow his character? How can you do the same so the private and public parts of your life line up?
7. Jon said, “Competency will get you in the room, character will keep you there”. Do you feel the strong current of our culture to pull you in the wrong direction? What are some of those “tides” that may cause you to drift?
8. If compromise is left unchecked how will it affect your relationship with God? With others?

**Pray:** Jon gave us some helpful keywords for praying: *help*, *thanks* and *wow*. Ask God to help us see how far we've drifted and to overcome temptations to compromise. Thank God for all that He has done and spend some time in awe of who He is.

**Next:** Accountability is a key ingredient in living a life of character and integrity. Find a friend this week who can help hold you accountable to not compromising in the areas you discussed earlier. Continue to guard and grow your integrity.