

RAISING IN ARIZONA - Part 3
"Because I Said So!"
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BIG IDEA:
Parent from the position of
God-given authority.

A Story of Authority - Daniel chapter 1

All authority is from God. (vv. 1-2)

How do you handle God-given authority in your life?

Authority is about position, not competence. (vv. 3-8)

No matter who is in authority, God is still in control! (vv. 9-15)

To disobey the authority God has placed in your life is to
disobey God Himself.

"The power of the appeal."

How do I begin to assume the GODLY position of parental
authority?

1. Insist on your position.
2. Require immediate obedience. *Ephesians 6:1-4*
Being a "threatening/repeating parent" creates
children that wrestle and gamble with YOU and GOD.

3. Model it!

*Again....How do you handle God given authority in
your life?*

How are you showing your children to?

THE GOAL: A healthy **ADULT** who is fully committed to God's
authority in their life.

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For further study of today's message

ENTRY POINT: Daniel made his decision to submit to God's
authority **before** he was faced with the king's delicacies, so he
did not hesitate to stick with his convictions. If we are decided on
our commitments **before** situations arise, we are ready to handle
them. **Re-read Daniel Chapter 1.**

In order to obey the rules, children must understand that they
exist. What is your understanding of your God-given authority as
a parent?

Like children, we ask God "Why?" "Why is this happening to
me?" "It's not fair!" How willing are you to trust God's wisdom
and authority even when you don't understand the reason? How
easy is it for you to accept "No." or "Because I said so," from
Him?

Have you *honestly* considered that your responsibility as a parent
is to teach your children to submit their will to yours so that –
when they are out there on their own – they will be able to submit
to God's will?

No matter how busy you are, God is counting on you to model
Christ's love to your children and others. How do you model
loving authority, a safe place to turn for honest answers, and
evidence of your submission and trust in all things?

*"And now a word to you fathers (parents).
Don't make your children angry by the way you treat them.
Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction
approved by the Lord."
Ephesians 6:4*