DARE TO DEDICATE LIKE DANIEL

Intro. 3 invasions of Jerus by Neb. Dan taken on 1st. Deserved, Jer 25:11. God keeps records. Seen in Jerus's history and Dan's. For worse and better. Ded not sal and needs to be clear distinction!

I. Conviction, 1-7
   A. In foreign land. As we are. That in self brings difficulties and conviction.
   B. Attacked. Change of names. Jeh replaced by 4 leading Babylonian gods. Bel, chief; Rak, sun; Shak, earth; Nego, fire. Then food changed.
   C. Compromised. (1) Some of food unclean and forbidden to Jews. (2) All offered to idols and contaminated. 1 Cor 8.

Forget name, then forget what it stands for.
"What's in a name? that which we call a rose
By any other name would small as sweet."
But lots in a name. cf. Marcel. Stands for something
You are called Xn. Stands for something and
soon the test will come. Maybe not big but test.

II. Committal. Climactic. 8
   A. Reasonable. After all, he was a godly Jew. What else could he do? But we don't always act acc to reason.
   B. Related to definite thing. Tho involved whole life.
   C. Resolute. Purposed--decided resolution. Involves mind as well as heart. Think about it.
   D. Once-for-all. Definite break. Rom 12:1.

III. Campaign, 9-16.
   A. Politeness
   B. Persistence. Ask parents to read Bible to you, say grace before meals. Be kind and keep asking if they forget.

IV. Consistency, 17-18.
   A. Man's part, 18. 3 yrs, Rom8:13; 2 Tim 2:22.
   B. God's part, 17. Gives wisdom, Jas 1:5.

Concl. What did it get Dan? Discernment, 17. Distinction, 20; Difficulties--rest of book.
Not easy, but blessed and works in any job in life.