

What To Do When The Heat Is On!

Bold: Learning To Live With An Audacious Faith! Pt.5

Daniel 3
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Daniel 3:1, *King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold...⁵As soon as you hear the sound of ... all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship...⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.”...¹²But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”*

False Images We Are Told To Worship:

When The Heat Is On:

- **Don't Be Surprised When Standing Up For God Makes Some People FURIOUS!**
Daniel 3:13, *Furious with rage ... Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?”*
- **Don't Be Surprised When You Are Given An ULTIMATUM!**
Daniel 3:15, *“... if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace.”*
- **Don't Let The Outcome Of The Furnace Determine Your FAITH!**
Daniel 3:16, *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied ...¹⁷“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it...¹⁸But even if He does not... we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”*
(Exodus 20:3-5)

- **Sometimes God Saves Us FROM The Crisis And Sometimes God Saves Us THROUGH The Crisis.**
(1 Peter 1:6-7)

Four Reminders For The Furnace Of Life:

1. **God Is With You In The FURNACE**
Daniel 3:24, *Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”*
(Isaiah 43:2)
2. **The Furnace Burns Away Those Things That BIND YOU**
Daniel 3:25, *He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”*
3. **How I Handle The Furnace Draws UNBELIEVERS To God**
Daniel 3:28, *Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and rescued His servants! They trusted in Him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”*
4. **Faithfulness In The Furnace Leads To GOD'S BLESSINGS**
Daniel 3:30, *Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.*
(1 Corinthians 3:12-15)

Cottonwood Creek Challenge:

Three ways you can grow a bold faith with us in the next 5 weeks; 1) Attend every worship service or watch it online; 2) Find a Life Group or Home Group; 3) Follow along with the Pastor's daily devotion on building a bold faith.