

**PRAYER**

- Ask God to help us to become good testimonies to other people.

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- Pray that we will have the faith and strength to overcome trials.

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- Intercede for more open doors to preach the gospel wherever you are.

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**CONNECT**

- What family trait are you proud of? Why?
- What was the most dangerous thing you have experienced? What did you learn from it?
- Who do you consider as your best friend? Why?

## WORD

<sup>24</sup>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, O king.”

<sup>25</sup>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.”

Daniel 3:24,25

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

Trials and testing are part of life and interestingly, these reveal what is in one’s heart. Some would simply give up and others would resolve to desperate evil measures just to overcome the difficulty. But for those who are part of God’s family, these times are opportunities to see our dependence on God just like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. How can we follow their example?

- **Believe that God will cause our godliness to stand out.**

<sup>13</sup>Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king,

<sup>14</sup>and 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?”

Daniel 3:13,14

Living the Christian faith is not a popular way and with the majority living the ways of the world, it is not an easy challenge. However, we are not alone in this walk of faith—we have fellow followers of Jesus and more importantly, God enables us to make a good testimony. How did these young men make their faith stand out? What was in their heart that helped them respond that way?

- **Believe that God will rescue us.**

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel 3:16-18

We cannot expect people to appreciate the way we stand up for our faith. Some may even antagonize us. However, we have to be convinced that God will protect us. This will help us stand firm on our convictions despite the trouble that we may face. What can you say about the way Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to Nebuchadnezzar’s threat? How do you hope to do the same in your own situation?

- **Believe that God will use us to reach others.**

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.

Daniel 3:28

We want to draw people near to God with our faith instead of pushing them away. However, instead of this stopping us, we need to be more open to share the gospel to people. How did Nebuchadnezzar respond to the whole situation? How convinced are you that people need to hear the gospel?

## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- Read Luke 6:43-45. What does it say about the relationship of what is in one’s heart with that of one’s actions?
- What are the common themes of Daniel 3 and 6? How does this assure you of God’s promise of deliverance?
- What are the similarities of Daniel 3 and Acts 16:19-34? In what way is the passage in Acts a better account?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- How will you remind your group mates this week about the importance of continuing to live a good testimony?
- Who can you encourage in the next few days to continue to believe for God’s deliverance amidst the difficulty he or she is facing?
- With whom can you share the gospel this week using Romans 6:23?