

SERMON NOTES

THE FIRE OF FAITH

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INTRODUCTION

1. Faith is _____ in God.

Daniel 3:16-17

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

2. Faith is trusting in God's _____ will.

Daniel 3:17-18

17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Old Testament story and why?

Ice Breaker: What is your most irrational fear?

What lessons did you learn from the Sundays's story of the three Hebrew boys?

The three Hebrew boys were placed in a situation, through no fault of their own, where they were instructed to bow before an idol. Have you ever been in a situation where you were asked or invited to do something you knew was wrong?

What would be the equivalent of being called together to worship a 90 foot statue in our world today?

Read Daniel 3:13-18. It would have been easy for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to make excuses on why they could not or should not bow to the image. What are some of the excuses we use as to why we cannot trust God more?

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to the image regardless of the consequence. The outcome didn't determine their faith. Why does life circumstances often determine the level of faith instead of faith being a constant no matter the circumstances?

Suppose the story read that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego died instantly in the fiery furnace. Would this outcome negatively impact your view of God's sovereignty? Would you still view this as a great story of faith even if they died?

Read James 1:2-4 and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. On Sunday Pastor Adam stated, "That test of faith you are going through right now, or have gone through, or will go through might be exactly what God wants to build your faith." How should that truth change how we view trials or difficulties in our life?

Why didn't God rescue them before they went into the furnace? They were rescued in the furnace. Is there a situation in your life you wanted God to intervene before it happened, but He allowed you to go through it anyway?

The faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego impacted the king and the whole kingdom. How can making a firm stand for your faith affect those around you?