



Daniel 3:1-30 It's Cool In The Furnace

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Easy warm-up question (choose one)

1. Which of the following statements resonates with you the most?
 - 1) All of the below. ☺
 - 2) I am concerned about what other people think of me.
 - 3) I don't give a rip about what other people think of me.
 - 4) Christians are way too dogmatic.
 - 5) I'm really getting nailed for doing what I thought was what God wanted.
 - 6) Sometimes I wonder if God is really there.

Nebuchadnezzar's Golden Statue & The Accusation 3:1-12

1. How motivated do you think Nebuchadnezzar was in having people bow to the golden image? Why?
2. Is any part of the accusation justified?
3. Is any part of the accusation justified due to failure by these three young men to obey God?

The Choice Made By Shadrach, Meshach, & Abednego 3:13-18

1. When did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego make the choice not to bow?
2. What was their motivation in choosing not to bow? Why?
3. Do you think they had second thoughts (especially as they watched the men taking them to the furnace get Bar-B-Cued)? Why or why not?

The Really, Really, Hot Burning Fiery Furnace & God's Answer 3:24-30

1. Do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego ever wondered if it was God's will for them to die ?
2. How do you think they felt as they faced that possibility? How would you feel?
3. How might it be helpful for you to know that these three young men were not left alone by God?
4. Why is it important that God gets the glory for preserving these young men?
5. How might the way all this works out be an encouragement for you?

Two Takeaways:

Fear - Living in fear not by faith in God

1. These days, are there particular circumstances in which you feel fearful of what will happen?
2. Are there particular circumstances in which you feel pressured to respond in a way you know isn't how God would have you respond?
3. These days, where do you really, really, need to know that God is really there?

God - Faith in God is always the answer to fear.

1. Consider the statement: "*Courage comes as we choose to die to what we fear and to live only for God's glory.*" Based on today's message, what does this mean?
2. What might this mean to you personally?
3. These days, how are you living for God's glory?
4. What is there in your life that might need to die as you choose to trust God?

Generic Extra Credit Catch All Last Question...

1. Anything else not covered above or that particularly impresses you from this study?