

MORE TO THE STORY

JOURNEY WAYPOINTS

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A stop along the journey to study, share, and support one another while we learn the way of Jesus.

This Week's Big Idea:

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were confident in who God was and what he had asked them to do. This confidence guided them in each choice they made, even when it meant disobeying the king.

Scripture and Study:

KEY TEXT: Daniel 3 [Click here to access this week's scripture](#)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood before King Nebuchadnezzar and told him, "No!" Even as the punishment loomed with flames roaring in the furnace waiting to end their life. Yet, their response to the king's threat is one of the most courageous and faith-filled declarations in Scripture: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... But even if He does not, we will not serve your gods" (Daniel 3:17–18).

These three men had placed their confidence in God's power, and they were unshakable. They knew He could rescue them from the fire with a single breath. Their hope in God's promises gave them courage, recalling the covenant faithfulness of God to His people even in exile. But it was their surrender to God's purposes that stands out most. They trusted God not only if He saved them, but even if He chose not to. Their loyalty wasn't conditional on God performing a miracle—it was rooted in who God is, not just what He could do for them.

These three young men remind us that faith doesn't mean we'll never face the fire—but that we can face it with peace, knowing God is with us. Sometimes He delivers us from the fire. Other times He meets us in it. No matter what, He is faithful.

Discussion Questions:

- What does "even if He does not" faith look like today?
- How do you respond when God doesn't act the way you hoped? Are there fears or beliefs about God that you need to pray and work through to be able to respond with faith-filled confidence?
- How do you discern between faith-filled discernment and self-propelled foolishness?

Apply It:

- Memorize Daniel 3:17–18.
- Pray daily for your heart to be surrendered to God in a difficult situation—regardless of the outcome. Set an alarm to help you remember to pray!
- Tell someone about how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego encourage you in your faith journey and what you are discovering about God or yourself from the story.