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WHEN THE HEAT IS ON

Daniel 3

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"You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. And you shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation." Exodus 20:3-5

"Then Nebuchadnezzar flew into a rage and ordered that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought to him. The king asked them, 'Is it true that the three of you refuse to serve my gods or worship the gold statue I set up? I will give you one more chance. If you bow down and worship the statue all will be well. But if you refuse, you'll be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. What god will be able to rescue you from my power then?' Daniel 3:13-15

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THE HEAT IS ON?

- **DON'T WORRY ABOUT DEFENDING MYSELF**

"Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we don't need to defend ourselves in this matter'" Daniel 3:16

- **REMEMBER GOD HAS THE POWER TO SAVE ME**

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we worship is ABLE to save us." Daniel 3:17a

- **BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL SAVE ME**

"And HE WILL save us from your power, O king." Daniel 3:17b

- **ANNOUNCE MY LOYALTY TO GOD NO MATTER WHAT!**

"BUT EVEN IF God DOESN'T save us, we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up." Daniel 3:18

"Nebuchadnezzar became so furious that his face distorted with rage, and he commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual." Daniel 3:19

"Then the king ordered some of his strongest soldiers to bind their hands and feet with ropes and throw them into the blazing furnace. So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully clothed. But because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire - the flames leaped out and killed the soldiers as they threw the three men in! But securely tied up, they fell down into the blazing flames of the furnace." Daniel 3:20-23

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TRUST GOD IN THE FURNACE?

1. IF I TRUST GOD WHEN THE HEAT IS ON, GOD WILL WALK THROUGH THE FIRE WITH ME!

“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.” 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 NIV

Jesus: “Be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:20 NLT

God has said, “I will never leave you; I will never abandon you.” Hebrews 13:5 GN

“WHEN you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. WHEN you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! WHEN you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you! For I am the Lord, your God!” Isaiah 43:2-3a (LB)

2. IF I TRUST GOD WHEN THE HEAT IS ON, GOD WILL BURN OFF EVERYTHING THAT’S TYING ME DOWN!

“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 NIV

“I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering.” Isaiah 48:10 NLT

3. IF I TRUST GOD WHEN THE HEAT IS ON, GOD WILL GIVE ME A NEW FREEDOM!

“Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn’t even smell of smoke!” Daniel 3:26-27 NLT

“You let captors set foot on our neck; we went through fire and water; then you led us out to freedom.” Psalm 66:12 NABRE

4. IF I TRUST GOD WHEN THE HEAT IS ON, GOD WILL REWARD MY FAITH!

“Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon.” Daniel 3:30 NLT

“In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation” 1 Peter 5:10 NLT

“God blesses you when people ... persecute you and ... say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven.” Matthew 5:11-12a (NLT)

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28 NLT