

3. Read Daniel 3:8-12. The Chaldeans threw the Jews that would not worship this idol “under the bus.” Why do you think they would want to turn them in?

4. Read Daniel 3:13-14. How do you think Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego were feeling as they were questioned by the king?
 - A) What was the ultimatum made by the king to Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego?

 - B) Put yourself in their position, what would you have done – trusted God or bowed to the idol?

6. Read Daniel 3:16-18. What was Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-negos answer?

7. Read the rest of the story, Daniel 3:19-27. God saved these three from death in the middle of the fire. In fact, a fourth person arrived in the fiery furnace. This is an appearance of Jesus in the Old Testament. As New Testament believers, how can we know that Jesus is with us in the middle of our “fires”?

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1. Do you sometimes know God is able to deliver you out of your circumstances but really don't believe He will? Explain your answer.

2. Does your faith in the middle of your circumstances look like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego's or does it waver when times get tough? If it wavers, how can you build your faith for the tough times?

3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego had great boldness in their trial. As believers today, how can you have great boldness in the trial and circumstances of life?