

"STAND IN"

Daniel 3

HOW TO STAND IN WHEN OUR FAITH IS PUT IN THE FIRE:

1. Stand with Confidence.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." Daniel 3:13-18 (NLT)

2. Remember when I stand in the fire, God won't leave me standing alone.

"Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!"

Daniel 3:19-25 (NLT)

3. Know that God will use my fire to impact others.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!" Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon. **Daniel 3:25-30 (NLT)**

Going deeper on your own. Read Daniel 3 and answer the following questions. Why did Daniel's three friends get thrown into the fire? Do you think they knew what the outcome was going to be before they were thrown in? What was their response to being thrown in the fire? What was the real issue that caused them to be thrown in the fire? Has there ever been a time when you have been put to the test because of someone else's arrogance or pride? What is the key to "Standing In" when your faith is tested?