

# Foreshadow Series

## 5-Day Devotional

### In the Fire

#### Day 1 The Pressure to Bow

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:4-6

The pressure in this story is real. Everyone is expected to bow. No exceptions. No hesitation. Just go with what everyone else is doing. It's easy to read this and think we would never do that, but the pressure to bow didn't disappear, it just looks different now. It shows up in subtle ways through the pull to fit in, the desire for approval, and the temptation to build our lives around things that were never meant to be at the center.

The world doesn't always demand worship out loud, but it constantly invites us to give our loyalty to something other than God. Every day we are choosing what we will bow to.

- What is something in your life that competes for your loyalty to God?
- Where do you feel pressure to go along with what everyone else is doing?
- What would it look like for you to choose God in that situation this week?

**Prayer:** God, help me see what I've been giving my attention and loyalty to. Give me strength to choose You instead. Amen.

#### Day 2 Even If He Does Not

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:16-18

This is one of the strongest statements of faith in all of Scripture. God can save us, God will save us, but even if He does not, we will not bow. That kind of faith is different. It's not based on outcomes or dependent on everything working out the way we want. It's rooted in who God is. It's easy to trust God when we know how the story ends, but it's much harder to trust Him when we don't. This is where real faith is formed, not in certainty but in surrender.

- Do you tend to trust God only when things go your way?
- What situation in your life feels uncertain right now?
- What would it look like to trust God in that situation even without knowing the outcome?

**Prayer:** God, help me trust You for who You are, not just for what You do. Amen.

## Day 3 Marked by the Blood

**Scripture:** Daniel 1:8-16; Luke 16:10

The courage we see in Daniel 3 didn't start in the fire, it started long before. In Daniel 1, we see Daniel and his friends make a decision to honor God in what seems like a small moment. They refused to compromise, even in something as simple as what they would eat. It wasn't flashy, and it wasn't public like the furnace, but it mattered. They chose obedience when it would have been easier to go along. Over time, those small decisions shaped who they became. Jesus later reinforces this same idea when He says that whoever can be trusted with little can also be trusted with much. Faithfulness in the small things prepares us for the big moments. The strength to stand in the fire is built long before we ever step into it.

- What small area of obedience might God be calling you into right now?
- Where have you been tempted to compromise in the "little things"?
- How could one small step of obedience today prepare you for bigger moments later?

**Prayer:** God, help me be faithful in the small things so I'm ready for the bigger ones. Amen.

## Day 4 God Meets Us in the Fire

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:24-25; Isaiah 43:1-2

The miracle isn't just that they survived, it's that they weren't alone. God didn't stay distant, He stepped into the fire with them. Sometimes we pray for God to remove the fire, and sometimes He does, but other times He meets us right in the middle of it. This has always been God's promise. In Isaiah, God tells His people that when they pass through the waters, He will be with them, and when they walk through the fire, they will not be burned. His presence is not dependent on our circumstances. You may not be able to avoid every hard season, but you will never walk through one alone.

- Where do you need to remember that God is with you right now?
- How have you seen God show up in a difficult season before?
- What would it look like to trust His presence in your current situation?

**Prayer:** God, thank You for being with me. Help me trust Your presence even in the hard moments. Amen.

## Day 5 Not Even the Smell of Smoke

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:26-27

They walked out of the fire completely untouched. Not burned, not harmed, not even smelling like smoke. What was meant to destroy them had no power over them. That's what God does. He doesn't just bring us through things, He shows His power in the middle of them. Sometimes the very thing we wanted to avoid becomes the place where we experience Him the most. God is not just working around your story, He is working in it, shaping you and using your life to point others to Him.

- What is something hard in your life that God might be using right now?
- How has God been faithful to you in past challenges?
- How could your story help someone else trust God more?

**Prayer:** God, use every part of my life to show Your power and faithfulness. Amen.