

Jesus Always—2

What to Do When God Feels Silent

Jesus won't always keep you from the fire, but He'll always meet you in it.

“As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. ⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” Daniel 3:5-6 NIV

“... But if you do not worship [the statue], you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” Daniel 3:15 NIV

... “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Daniel 3:16-18 NIV

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.” Daniel 3:24 NIV

“Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.” Daniel 3:25 NKJV

... So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. ²⁷... 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

TALK IT OVER

Read **Daniel 3:16-18**. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego called God “the God we serve.” How do you serve God in your day-to-day life?

God is able to answer all of your prayers—but even if He doesn’t, He’s still with you in the fire, working on your behalf. Share about a time when God used a tough circumstance to transform you.

How might God want you to learn from Him and depend on Him?

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