



MAIN SCRIPTURES:

Daniel 3

MAIN POINT:

Our obedience is not just about us—when we obey, others can see God's power displayed.

JESUS CONNECTION:

Daniel is awesome, but he isn't the hero of the story: God is. God is the hero of our stories too.

LIVE AND VIDEO TEACHING HYBRID FORMAT

THE WHAT

WHAT are we talking about and WHY does it matter to me? (2-3 min)

ME

 When have you been pressured to do something you did not want to do? Share a personal, relatable story and its outcome.

WE

 Standing firm under pressure can be hard—especially when we feel pressured by authority figures. There will be times when a boss, coach, or teacher may have expectations on us that go against our convictions. So how do we find the balance between listening to our earthly authority figures and obeying God as our ultimate authority?

TRANSITION

 Today in our video, Sadie will walk through the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and explain how their obedience to God became a demonstration of God's power.

SO WHAT

So WHAT does this mean for my faith and life with God? (5-6 min)

GOD

- Before viewing the session, here are a few important things to look for in Sadie's teaching. As you watch, pay attention to how she answers the following questions.
 - After putting up a huge golden image, what did King Nebuchadnezzar require of everyone?
 - How does this story showcase God's sovereign control, despite what we see?
- Watch Session 3: Faithful in the Fire (7 minutes).

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NOTES SO WHAT CONTINUED **JESUS CONNECTION** Daniel is awesome, but Daniel isn't the hero of his story. God is the hero. God rescues and saves Daniel and his friends. Don't miss this: the same is true for us. We aren't the heroes of our story. God is the hero of our story and of our lives. God sent His son Jesus to rescue and save us from sin and death. We can only live faithful lives to God after we first put our faith in Jesus, in His loving grace. Once we take that first step, then we are called to a life of faithfulness. A life where we walk trusting God is faithful to us, even in the fire. So what does this mean for us today? **NOW WHAT** NOW that I know, HOW can I live this out? (2-3 min) What does this mean for you? Just like Daniel, you can chose to follow God, even when others around you do not. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego not only showed us what it means to be confident and firm in our convictions, but also how our actions can impact more people than we could ever imagine. When you chose to obey and follow God, His power is displayed in your life and it can completely change the beliefs of those surrounding you. Whenever we find ourselves in a difficult situation, we can act in a way that brings others into the knowledge of God. We can chose to follow God, even when others around us are not. Whenever we find ourselves in a difficult situation, we can act in a way that brings others into the knowledge of God. We can choose to follow God and to stand with other believers when they do – even if they go to different churches or aren't best friends with them – we have something in common that is the biggest bond of all – being God's family together.

PRAY

WE

TRANSITION

YOU

Close your time together in prayer. This week take some time to meditate on what it means to be faithful in the fire. Pray that God helps you to stand firm on his Word when it seems too difficult, or even scary.

NOW WHAT CONTINUED NOTES YOU CONTINUED Cast a vision – briefly describing what would happen if this group of people would follow what has been taught. Tell them to imagine what WE could do together. Re-emphasis your main • Close your time together in prayer.

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WE

PRAY