

Go around and let everyone answer...

Has there ever been a time you or someone you know stood up for something when others didn't? How did that make you feel? Or Has there ever been a time when you didn't stand up for something and you regret not doing so? Explain.

Dig Deep

Read Scripture: Daniel 3:12-18

¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.” ¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If 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. ¹⁸ But 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.”

- In what ways does the faith of those around you help or hinder your own? Share any personal experiences you can think of.
- What would be the equivalent of being called together to worship a “statue” in our world today?
- What is the equivalent today of fixing God’s words on our hearts and mind and binding them to our foreheads? What does this practically mean?
- How does Satan seek to intimidate God’s people by threatening them with punishment, or spiritual attack?
- How did reading Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s response to the king (verse 18) impact you?
- Why should we point out that they were willing to be obedient to God even if God didn’t save them?

Do Big

- What does it look like to use Shadrach’s, Meshach’s and Abednego’s example of trusting in God’s power without a guarantee of safety as a blueprint for living boldly today?
- When a crowd agrees on what the course of action should be, but you disagree; what can you do to stand for truth?

Read Daniel 3

Background:

Nebuchadnezzar creates a golden image and commands all men to worship it—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse and are cast into the fiery furnace—They are preserved and come out unharmed.

Key Thoughts

Trust God regardless of your circumstances.

Challenge

How will you encourage others to be faith by standing for truth?

Weekly Memory Verse

“¹⁸ But 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.”
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