

TALK TOGETHER: DANIEL || Daniel 3

OPENING QUESTION: What is the most memorable part of the 3 Hebrew boys and the fiery furnace for you and why?

Read Daniel 3:16-18 (NLT)

16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. 17 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. 18 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.”

EVERYONE BOWS TO SOMETHING

When you look around our world, what are some of the things that people worship -bow to?

Pastor David talked about how you can know what you are bowing to. He suggested we pay close attention to:

- *Your daydreams & nightmares*
- *Your strongest emotions & greatest efforts*
- *What soothes you and satisfies you*
- *The reasoning & rationalizing behind your actions*

Choose one of the four and explain how it can reveal false gods in our lives and hearts.

EVERYONE DIES FOR WHAT THE BOW TO

Pastor David said, “What the heart loves most, the mind finds reasonable, the emotions find desirable and the will finds doable.”

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How have you found this to be true?

Read Matthew 16:25-26 (NLT)

25 If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. 26 And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

What does this passage teach us about the danger of bowing to the wrong things/false gods?

ONLY ONE BOWED & DIED TO SAVE YOU

Read Daniel 3:24-26

24 But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" "Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied. 25 "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire.

How does the end of this story foreshadow what Jesus would come to do 600 years later?

Share how Jesus found you "in the fire," set you free from the cords that bound you and saved you.