

NO MATTER WHAT

Part 4: When The Heat Is On

King Nebuchadnezzar built a _____. It was _____ feet tall and _____ feet wide.

He then gathers all of his _____ to come and dedicate it.

When the people heard _____ they were commanded to fall down and worship.

Everyone followed these orders except for _____, _____, and _____.

Daniel 3:16-18 (NRSV)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Where is the heat on in your life today?

Three Things to Remember from this Story:

1. There is great strength in _____.
 - We all need a community of people who will support us. We all need a tribe of people who know us and love us for who we are.
2. It is important to stand with other with whom we share the _____.
 - This doesn't mean we'll agree on everything. Yet, we can agree that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Shouldn't everything else fall in line behind that?
3. God can be trusted even when we can't _____.
 - We must always be faithful to God. Faith is not a great insurance policy. Our praise and worship to God should be because we know what our eternal reward is.

Daniel 3:28 (NRSV) "Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God."