

Today we continue our fall sermon series on Daniel 1-6 called "Life in Exile" by moving on to Daniel 3. In this chapter, we look at an account that is probably familiar to many of us - the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. In this account, King Nebuchadnezzar had a giant, golden statue made and commanded all people in Babylon to bow down to it. However, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to do so. This led to them being thrown into the fiery furnace. Yet, God was watching over them and kept them safe — even in the furnace. As we examine this story, we see how God protects and defends His people, even when they are living in exile. Throughout worship today, you are encouraged to think about all the ways that God is at work to watch over you during these challenging times.

### Sermon Notes

#### Daniel 3 ~ "Protection in Exile"

- \* **How is chapter 2 connected to chapter 3?**
- \* **What did the king do and what was his decree?**
- \* **How did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego respond to the king's decree? What was the result?**
- \* **What is the significance of Daniel 3:17-18?**
- \* **How will you trust in God's protection during these challenging times?**

#### Weekly Social Media Post . . .

*In these challenging times, it's easy to succumb to fear - fear of getting the virus, fear of losing your job, fear of the loss of normalcy, etc. Yet God promises to watch over us and take care of us according to His good will. #stjohnwoodbury #LifeInExile #ProtectionInExile*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## The week of September 27 at St. John!

- \* **Communion at Home** ... If you have not been able to attend in-person worship and would like to receive the Lord's Supper in your home, please contact Pastor Dave and he will arrange it with you.
- \* **Children's Bulletins** ... Children's Bulletins with a clipboard are available for the kiddos. Children can take the bulletin and crayons home with them each Sunday. There is a basket to return used clipboards, which will be sanitized after each use.
- \* **Fall Online Bible Study** ... This Fall, Pastor Stadler will lead an 8-week Bible study on the books of Ruth — a surprising, unexpected ancestress of Jesus — and Esther — an undercover Jew who saved her people from extinction. This study will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm from October 1 thru November 19. Each session will take place online via Zoom and the recorded studies will be available on our website. To access the first session on October 1, go to <http://bit.ly/RuthEstherSession1>.
- \* **Glow Golf Fellowship event Saturday, October 10** ... Come for a night of food, fellowship and fun! We will have pre-wrapped hot dogs and chips at 5:30 pm ... a 5-hole glow golf course set up on the grounds of St. John ... all ages that can swing a club are welcome to come and play ... we will provide the glow golf balls ... all holes will be around 150 yards long ... we'll end the night with pre-packaged s'more kits and a social distanced fire ... all you need is golf clubs if you want to golf and a chair to sit and enjoy the fire!
- \* **Membership at St. John** ... If you have been visiting St. John and would like to officially become a member, please contact Pastor Dave for more info (651-436-6621 or [pastor@stjohnwoodbury.org](mailto:pastor@stjohnwoodbury.org)). Even though it won't look the same as years past, we will have a New Member Welcome later this fall.
- \* **2021 Adult and Family Mission Trip** ... 2020 has been a challenging year, but we want to look with hopefulness to 2021! St. John would like to offer a short-term mission trip next summer for our adults and families. Currently, we do not have any details on a potential trip, but we would like to see if there would be interest in such a trip. If this is something that you might be interested in, please go to <http://bit.ly/2021MissionTrip> and fill out the form. Please note that this does not commit you to go on any potential trip. Contact Pastor Dave with ??'s.
- \* **In Our Prayers** ... Renee Holz, Chris Emery, Jon Friel, Judy Eder, Vance Grannis, Bruce Dahlberg, Joanne Dahlin, Lisa Larsen, Ruth Hagemeyer, Laura DePetro, Lorraine Schire, Kevin Portuguese, Mary Schultz, Peter Nyout, Oline Tolbert, Doug Lasker, Dolores Weir, Carol Mrozik, Betsy Dehler, Gene Pommerening