

PERSONAL REFLECTION PAGE

REFLECTION QUESTION

READ DANIEL 3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are amongst the leaders in Babylon, ordered to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image, and refuse to go back on their faith and trust in God. Their words in front of the furnace in vs. 16-18 are astounding. What strikes you about the way they say, "But if not ..." suggesting that God might not save them in the midst of the fire? Do you think Peter and John felt the same way in Acts 4? Why do you think that?

PRAYER REQUESTS

WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN

Used from the READ SCRIPTURE app, available for both Android and Apple devices.

March 2: Deuteronomy 24-27 | Psalm 61
March 3: Deuteronomy 28-29 | Psalm 62
March 4: Deuteronomy 30-31 | Psalm 63
March 5: Deuteronomy 32-34 | Psalm 64
March 6: Joshua 1-4 | Psalm 65
March 7: Joshua 5-8 | Psalm 66
March 8: Joshua 9-12 | Psalm 67

ACTS: LIVE SENT

Acts 4
Unbelief

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THEME OF ACTS (REVISITED)

- God _____ and _____ His church through His Spirit, working in and through His people
Acts 4:7b

FOUR HARSH, BUT BEAUTIFUL, TRUTHS

1. Most often, it is our _____ that Christ uses to _____ into his fold

2. We should pray more for our _____ than for God to remove our

John 15:18-19, 25, John 15:25

3. The gospel bears _____ to us all

1 John 3:12-13, John 15:18-19, 25

4. Opposition may not be our _____, but proof of our _____

THE TWO MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

- _____ and _____



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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What's the weirdest thing in your fridge or freezer right now? Why is it there?
2. Do you have any mentors or people you look up to? Who are they and why?

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. This past weekend Pastor Justin noted that the two marks of a wholehearted disciple of Jesus are courage and humility. Why do you think these are the two most notable attributes of a converted Christian?

SCRIPTURE REVIEW

READ ACTS 4:1-22

1. What does this passage say about the character of God?
2. What does this passage say about fallen humanity and the world we are in?
3. Where does this passage specifically expose sin or unbelief in my own life? How does it specifically call me to change my thinking, redirect my affections, replace behaviors, and trust in my Savior?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. READ ACTS 4:1-2. Following Acts 3, the events here are still in the temple courts, and these leaders all appear. What might you know about these leaders' intentions and why they are all "*greatly annoyed*" (ESV) or "*greatly disturbed*" (NIV)?

• **READ MATTHEW 3:7-8, 16:1, 22:23.** How do these passages shed light on how the Jewish leaders in Acts 4 respond to Peter and John, and the healing of the lame man?

2. READ ACTS 4:7-8. The Holy Spirit gave Peter and John the words to say. Can you recall a time when you experienced something similar to explain a faith related truth, recall a passage of scripture, or reach out to a friend in need?

• **READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11.** What are all the gifts of the Spirit mentioned here? How have you seen the Holy Spirit empower God's people in these ways, for His name?

• **READ MARK 13:9-11.** Jesus says the Holy Spirit will speak through us. How can we know it is the Holy Spirit speaking, and not just our own words? Is that an important distinction? Why or why not?

3. READ ACTS 4:12. Why is this such a striking claim for the Jewish leaders? Why might this be a striking claim for listeners today?

TAKING IT HOME

READ ACTS 4:18-20, & 1 PETER 3:13-17. One has to wonder if Peter is remembering these moments that happened in Acts 4 as he writes to the dispersed church. What can we do today in order to grow in our ability to defend the Gospel? Are you committed to doing that? What patterns do you need to adjust?

