

## Message Notes | Daniel

### Part 3: Fiery Furnace

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#### #2 Be deliberate in what you \_\_\_\_\_.

- good luck getting saved from *this* - **vs. 15-23**

#### #3 Be deliberate in how you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a fourth in the fire - **vs. 24-28**
- your God didn't need to save you *from* it - **vs. 29**

#### #4 \_\_\_\_\_ stands out.

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1. What was one thing that stood out to you from the message, and why did it stick with you?
2. Read **Jeremiah 29:5-7**. What would have made those instructions difficult for the exiles, and what do they show us about how we should live in a culture that lives by different values?
3. In **Daniel 3:1-7**, Nebuchadnezzar demanded worship of a golden image. What are some things our culture elevates or celebrates that people are pressured to "bow" to today?
4. Share a time when you felt pressure to choose between honoring God and pleasing others. What did that moment reveal about who you ultimately answered to?
5. What are some things our culture celebrates that might contradict what God values?
6. In **Daniel 3:16**, the three men said, "We do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter." What might defensiveness reveal about where your confidence lies?
7. Read **Daniel 3:29**. Nebuchadnezzar said, "No other god can save in this way." How did God save the three men, and what makes that way so surprising?
8. What's one area of your life where you want to stand out for the right reasons? What's one step you could take this week to do that?

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## Bible Reading for Today

### Daniel 3

<sup>13</sup>Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, <sup>14</sup>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? <sup>15</sup>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?"

<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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.