Introduction:
A. We must keep in mind that Daniel and his friends were still less than ___ years old.
B. These events took place during the period of __________ of Judah in Babylon.
C. Daniel and his friends were called to be God’s representatives, witnesses to the __________ to the unbelievers surrounding them.
D. Like them, we must learn how to be faithful and true to our God in the face of __________ and __________ pressure to do otherwise.

I. The Story
A. King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold ____ ft. tall and ____ ft. wide.
B. The king held a large dedication service where he would demand a public demonstration of ___________.
C. If anyone would not bow down to the statue would be thrown in the _______.
D. Everyone bowed down except for the three, young _________.
E. Some Babylonian _____ men went to the king to “_____” out the 3 Jews.
F. The king was furious, but remembered how brilliant these 3 young men were, so he gave them a __________ __________.
G. But our heroes didn’t need a second chance to do what they knew was _____.
H. The king made the furnace _____ times hotter and had them thrown in.
I. Instead of 3 men being burned up by the fire, the king saw ____ men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed.
J. They were ordered to come out of the fire and it was discovered that not a _____ was singed, the _______ were not burned, they didn’t smell like ___.
K. This caused the king to _______ the God of Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego.

II. The Application - What lessons can we learn?
A. First, we learn that God is __________, whether the result of our obedience is triumph or tragedy. (Rom. 8:28; Job 1:21; 2:10; 13:15)
B. Second, we learn that __________ is __________, whether it seems fair or not. (Jn. 15:20; 16:33; 2 Tim. 3:12)

Conclusion:
A. Like many who have gone before us, including Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, we may have to take a _______ for our ________, and perhaps face persecution and death because of it.
B. About _____ million, or 65% of all Christian martyrs in the history of the church, actually died in the twentieth century.
C. We should be in ________ daily for our Christian brothers and sisters who are paying the ultimate sacrifice for their faith.
D. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5:10-12)
E. Do we ________ Jesus’ words and are we ________ to stand in the face of the fiery furnace?