

***Uncompromising - A study of the book of Daniel***

**Part 5: Standing Firm in the Fire**

**August 24, 2025**

**Key Scripture and Ideas**

**33**“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

**7**These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter1:7

**4**Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: **5**As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. **6**Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” Daniel 3:4-6

**16**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. **17**If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=daniel%203%3A16-18&version=NIV#fen-NIV-21825a)] from Your Majesty’s hand. **18**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.” Daniel 3:16-18

**24**Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

**25**He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

**26**Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, **27**and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them.They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

**28**Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. Daniel 3:24-28

**Start Talking: Find a conversation starter for your group.**

* What’s your favorite thing to cook over a fire? Steaks? S’mores? Let’s share some good campfire stories.
* Have you had a bad day recently? How can something as ordinary as a bad day challenge your faith?
* What was something that tested your faith this week? It can be anything from serious to silly—just share a bit about what you’ve been facing since we last met.

**Start Thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.**

* What hard times are you in the middle of right now? Include ones you’ve just walked out of or ones you’ll walk into soon.
* Life or death religious persecution is happening in many parts of the world. What kinds of lower-risk, everyday pressures or persecution have you faced before? How did you handle it?

**Start Sharing. Choose questions that create openness*.***

* 1 Peter 1:7 says that when your faith stays strong in trials, it honors God and helps reveal Jesus to the world. How have you seen that in someone’s life? How has someone else’s faith revealed Jesus to you?
* Would you ask God to test your faith? Why or why not?
* What would have happened if Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego would have bowed or compromised their faith? How have you seen compromise affect your faith?

**Start Praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.**

*Heavenly Father, thank You that You are always with us no matter what we walk through. Thank You for providing peace in the midst of uncertainty. As we go throughout our upcoming week, please continue to remind us that You are with us, You never leave us, and You never abandon us. May our faith and trust in You continue to be refined and strengthened. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*

**Start Doing Commit to a step, and live it out this week.**

* Is there a trial you need to take a firm stand in? What specifically will you do differently from before?
* Is there something you know God wants you to do that you need to obey? What steps will you take this week?