



(Kingdoms in Conflict)

Daniel 3:1-30

Main Idea

When our faith comes in conflict with the world, choose faithfulness.

Ice Breaker: Choose one from the following two questions to open up your discussion

1. Who is someone that you have admired for their faithfulness in standing up for what they believe?
2. What might be somethings that threaten you? (Ex. heights, fire, etc.)

Discussion Questions

1. As you look in verses 1-3 what does King Nebuchadnezzar do and why?
2. Why do you think the astrologers tipped off the king about the Jews not worshipping the statue (V. 8)?
3. In verses 8-12 how does this conflict related to Daniel's theme of God's authority vs. worldly authority?
4. What stands out & speaks to you about how Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived out their faith?

What are the obstacles in your life that keep you from living out your faith like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

5. Tell your most "fiery" test you have experienced & what was the outcome
6. In what ways do you identify, or not identify, with each of the following egos: (a) The colossal ego of the pagan king? (b) The subservient ego of the king's officials? (c) The jealous ego of the astrologers? (d) The obedient ego of the near-martyrs?

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Application

1. Ask yourself in what area of life do you feel God may be calling you to take a stand in conflict (Ex. work)
2. Take time to think about the areas in your life that you feel pressure to compromise your convictions then begin praying over those specific areas.

Bottom Line

Be ready for conflict