



## Message: Delivered in Fire

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SERIES: Daniel

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STUDY GUIDE: SG Writing Team

**Read: Daniel 3:1-18**

### Introductory Notes:

- “What could be MISSED if we’re UNWILLING to pay the cost of CONVICTIONS in this culture?”

### When the heat gets turned up on the people of God... (v.19-23)

- Babylon stops ACCOMMODATING people of conviction and grows INTENSELY HOSTILE (v.19-20)
- Fire REFINES God’s people.
- Fiery furnaces become the STAGE for God’s most FAMOUS works.

### God joins His people in the fire... (v.23-25)

- God’s people are NOT delivered FROM the fire (v.23)
- God delivers His people by going INTO the fire WITH THEM (v.25, Isa. 43).

### And God secures His fame in the center of greatest opposition (v.26-30)

- God WORKS on behalf of His people in the CENTER of opposition (v.28)
- God gets the OPPORTUNITY to work when we move INTO OPPOSITION (v.28)
- The hostile culture SEES God as REAL when we follow God at GREAT COST.

**Bottom Line: Pay the costs of conviction so that you and the culture can personally see God’s presence and power.**

### For those not-yet living the Jesus-centered life:

1. Let King Jesus REFINE you even as you ACCEPT His sacrifice for you.

### For those living the Jesus-centered life:

2. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ culture and start seeking the welfare of the city in which you live.
3. Consider where God’s Kingdom is not being UNLEASHED because you are AVOIDING fire.
  - a. Be specific about where:
  - b. What does life look like in “that place” right now?
  - c. Be specific about how you have been avoiding this place:
  - d. Imagine that tomorrow, you move into this place or issue like Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego – What do you do? What is different about you? What changes around you?
4. Commit to pray for WORKPLACE and COMMUNITY DEPLOYMENT for the duration of the series. And remember YOU may be the ANSWER.

### Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing the context of Daniel 3, that is knowing about the Babylonian captivity, Daniel’s educational program, etc. change the significance of this story in chapter 3. And what did you learn from reading this entire story for yourself.
2. In looking at the events of Daniel 3, what is a time in the past that you have seen God’s faithfulness “in the fire?”
3. Much like how the ropes of the three men were thrown off, how does welcoming Jesus into the fire with you empower you to walk in God given Shalom? What metaphoric ropes do you need to be freed from? And how can you fight to stay in this place of rest when the flames get hotter.
4. How did you answer the second application point about seeking the welfare of the city and what do you need to do about it?
5. What refining fire have you been avoiding that God has lovingly convicting you of?

6. What specific ways does the faithfulness of these three men challenge you to be more bold and obedient in your walk with Christ.
7. In closing, listen to the letter that Pastor Glen read this past Sunday (<https://youtu.be/RYHSoP7vB6Q?t=1675>) and break into groups of 3-4 and pray for radical obedience to represent the Kingdom this week, in light of what other believers around the world are facing.

**Throughout the week:** Read the passages below and answer the following 5 questions:

1. Is there a command to obey?
2. Is there an example to follow?
3. Is there a promise to claim?
4. Is there a sin to avoid?
5. Is there a principle to follow?

**Monday:** Read Jeremiah 4 **Tuesday:** Read Hebrews 12 **Wednesday:** Read Acts 27 **Thursday:** Read Acts 28 **Friday:** Read Acts 7