

# The Book of Daniel

3:8-30

## Introduction

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refuse to worship the golden image, King Nebuchadnezzar becomes enraged. Their obedience and steadfastness towards God deliver them over to the fiery furnace, but God (Immanuel) is present with them through this trial.

## Discussion

1. How can our familiarity with this story work against us as we revisit it?
2. In a hostile place, the “heroic” attribute to possess is not *volume*, but *wisdom*. How do you practice wisdom over volume when engaging with unbelievers about matters of faith?
3. Biblical faith is not confidence in particular outcomes; it is confidence in a sovereign God. Why is it so difficult for us to trust God without all the details of his will?
4. The three wisemen were saved by the presence of a representative of God. What does it mean that God is with us through our trials?
5. Jewish tradition holds that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego sang a song of blessing to God before, during, and after the fire. How do we sing a song of blessing to God during adversity?

## Application

What are the ways in which we can remind ourselves of God’s presence during times of adversity? How can our community groups walk along side us during these times?

## Prayer

Please pray for the outgoing mission team to Eastern Europe as well as our current mission team in Portland, Oregon.