

**“FAITH: THE CONVICTION OF THINGS UNSEEN”**

**PART 9:**

**“FAITH IN THE FURNACE”**

**“Living by Faith When the Heat is On”**

**(Hebrews 11:32-38; Daniel 3:1-30)**

**INTRODUCTION:**

*“And what more shall I say? For time will fail me...”*

—Hebrews 11:32a

**1A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH UNDER FIRE. (HEBREWS 11:32-38)**

*“And what more shall I say? For time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, **quenched the power of fire**, ...and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment... (**men of whom the world was not worthy**)...”*

—Hebrews 11:32-38

- Adversity and suffering give us the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ our faith, \_\_\_\_\_ our faith, and \_\_\_\_\_ God’s faithfulness.

**2A. AN \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH UNDER FIRE. (DANIEL 3:1-30)**

**1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nebuchadnezzar’s Image (v. 1-7)**

*“Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.” (v. 1)*

**2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Daniel’s Friends (v. 8-18)**

*“Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up?” (v. 14)*

3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Power (v. 19-30)

*Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and delivered His servants who put their trust in Him." (v. 28)*

3A. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF FAITH UNDER FIRE.

– IF YOUR FAITH IS GOING TO FUNCTION IN THE FURNACE OF ADVERSITY,...

1B. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

*"If it be so, our God whom we serve..." (v. 17a)*

2B. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

*"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king." (v. 17b)*

3B. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God regardless of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

*"But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up" (v. 18)*

4B. You must be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the trial.

*Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up in haste; he said to his high officials, "Was it not three men we cast bound into the midst of the fire?" They replied to the king, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men loosed and walking about in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!" (v. 24, 25)*

**CONCLUSION:**