

What does God do and what can we do...in the middle of a fire?

... "Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn't, it wouldn't make a bit of difference, O king. We still wouldn't serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up."

Daniel 3:16-18 (MSG)

But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?"

"Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied.

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So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. ²⁷ Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him."

Daniel 3:24-28 (NLT)

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Come close to the one true God, and He will draw close to you.

Philippians 1:6 (MSG)

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| God is | through the fire. |
| • Get | _with God and another person. () |
| that you can live | ommon practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is full to be reckoned with. |
| | James 5:16 (MSG) |
| • | _who God is and who you are. () |

Discussion Questions

1. What stands out to you about the three teenagers who had faith through fire?

There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

- 2. What is something you need from God today? Help? Hope? Healing? Direction? Clarity? How will you get real with God and with another person about what you need from God today?
- 3. Who has God been to you in the past? How have you seen Him move before? How can you remember who God is and worship Him for who He has been today?

Recommended Resources

- Play with Fire: Discovering Fierce Faith, Unquenchable Passion, and a Life-Giving God. by Bianca Juarez Olthoff
- <u>Don't Look Back: Getting Unstuck and Moving Forward with Passion and Purpose</u>, by Christine Caine
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• God's <u>presence</u> is in the fire.

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James 4:8 (VOICE)

- God's <u>freedom</u> is in the fire.
- God is <u>revealed</u> through the fire.
- Get <u>real</u> with God and another person. (<u>Prayer</u>)

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

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• Remember who God is and who you are. (Praise)

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