

## Fearless

(2 Timothy 1:7) "God did not give us a spirit of timidity (fear), but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

(Daniel 3:1) "King Nebuchadnezzar made a gold statue ninety feet tall and nine feet wide and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. Then he sent messages to the high officers, officials, governors, advisers, treasurers, judges and magistrates, and all the provincial officials to come to the dedication of the statue he had set up. So all these officials came and stood before the statue King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then a herald shouted out, 'People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command! When you hear the sound of the horn, flute zither, lyre, harp, pipes and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.'"

(Daniel 3:15b NLT) "...But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?"

## The Faith & Fire Standard

A faith that's \_\_\_\_\_ by fire is a faith that can be \_\_\_\_\_.

## Fire Tested Faith

1. Obey God's \_\_\_\_\_ instead of man's \_\_\_\_\_.

(Daniel 3:16 NLT) "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you.'"

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** What "fiery trials" are you \_\_\_\_\_ from that God wants you to \_\_\_\_\_ so that your faith is strengthened?

2. Believe God's \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the \_\_\_\_\_.

(Daniel 3:17 NLT) "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty."

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** In what areas are you \_\_\_\_\_ to follow people's \_\_\_\_\_ instead of God's \_\_\_\_\_?

3. Believe God. Don't just believe \_\_\_\_\_ God.

(Daniel 3:18 NLT) "But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

(Daniel 3:24-25 NLT) "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. 'Look!' Nebuchadnezzar shouted. 'I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god (NIV Son of God).'"

(Daniel 3:27-28 NLT) "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! Then Nebuchadnezzar said, 'Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.'

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** What are you \_\_\_\_\_ God for?

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**A faith that’s TESTED by fire is a faith that can be TRUSTED.**

## Fire Tested Faith

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**CRITICAL QUESTION: What “fiery trials” are you RUNNING from that God wants you to ENDURE so that your faith is strengthened?**

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**2. Believe God’s TRUTH instead of the FACTS.**

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**CRITICAL QUESTION: In what areas are you TEMPTED to follow people’s EXPECTATIONS instead of God’s COMMANDS?**

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**CRITICAL QUESTION: What are you BELIEVING God for?**

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