



Experience 26: Praise and Worship

Monday, February 15, 2021

Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 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."

Don't you sometimes wish that God would just hurry up and show up in your life? That he would fix all of your problems with a snap of his fingers? I think that would be awesome. I already have a great list of things I wish God would solve; maybe you have a list of your own. Something I think we often forget is that while God wants to hear our needs and our emotion, it is often in the process of going through our struggles that God makes us who we are. We need to understand that God uses everything in our lives for good.

A great example of this is the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. They were about to suffer death because of their unwillingness to bow to anyone besides God. The most impactful part of the story for me is that there was no hesitation or doubt when this decree was made. They knew that whatever the consequences, their faith in God was the most important thing they could hold on to.

What is the thing that you are holding on to?
How many times when pushed up against a wall do you choose to hold onto God? Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego's faith in God delivered them from king Nebuchadnezzar. And because of their trust in God, they were able to impact the entire kingdom of Babylon for God's glory. That was just three guys thousands of years ago. Imagine if we as followers of Jesus chose to put our hope fully in God during hard times. We could transform our entire community!

Actions to take

- Read all of Daniel chapter 3 and write down in your journal the verses that stick out to you.
- Spend a few minutes in prayer and ask God what it would look like for you to deepen your trust in God based on what you see from Daniel 3.
- Listen to "Another in the Fire" by Hillsong. What sticks out to you in this song? If you're comfortable I encourage you to sing along! You can find the song here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUSsEo52-a0>
- Read Isaiah 43:2-3. What do these verses tell you about the nature of God? Write a prayer in your journal responding to these verses. How can you give your current situation to God, trusting Him for the outcome?