Unshakable The Heat is On!

Daniel 3
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WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN THE HEAT IS ON?

1. Don't worry about **DEFENDING MYSELF**.

Daniel 3 ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we <u>do not need to defend</u> <u>ourselves</u> before you in this matter." (NIV)

2. **BELIEVE** that God has the power to save me.

Daniel 3 ¹⁷ "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve <u>is able to deliver us</u> from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand." (NIV)

Isaiah 43² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³ For I am the Lord your God. (NIV)

3. Declare my allegiance to God **NO MATTER WHAT!**

Daniel 3 ¹⁸ "But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that <u>we will not serve your gods</u> or worship the image of gold you have set up." (NIV)

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TRUST GOD IN THE FURNACE?

1. God walks THROUGH THE FIRE with me.

Daniel 3 ²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." ²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." (NIV)

2. **GOD PROTECTS ME** from being harmed.

Daniel 3 ²⁶ Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So [they] came out of the fire, ²⁷ and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. (NIV)

3. It encourages unbelievers to **COME TO GOD**.

Daniel 3 ²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! <u>They trusted in him</u> and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore I decree that the

people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way." ³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

4. MY FAITH will be rewarded in heaven.

1 Corinthians 3 ¹⁰ But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ. ¹² Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. ¹³ But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. ¹⁴ If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵ But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames. (NLT)

Final Thought:

When the heat is on, we need to have faith that God will keep us **SAFE & PROTECTED**.