



Sermon Study

Long Story Short: The Fourth Man

Daniel 3

March 26, 2023

Lean In: Tell about a time when you stood up for something you believed in when it was unpopular to those around you.

Look In: Read **Daniel 3** aloud together and write verse 28 in your journal.

Look Back: What stood out to you most about this week's teaching? What questions do you have? What encouraged you? What challenged you? What comforted you?

Take it Deeper:

1. Daniel was faithful to God even in the small things, such as the food he ate (Daniel 1:8). Why was this seemingly small detail important and what does it show about Daniel's faith? What does the food he ate have to do with his relationship with God? In what areas of your life are you tempted to "cheat" and reason, "what's the big deal?"
2. Where in this passage do you see God's hand at work to protect and provide for Daniel in a foreign nation? What is your response to God's methods of provision? (see Daniel 1:8-9, 2:23-24)
3. What fires are you facing today? Which of the following benefits of the "furnace" have you seen in your life? (1. Brings you closer to God, 2. Purifies and refines you, 3. Burns what binds, 4. Displays God's power, 5. Draws others closer)
4. Read James 1:12, Romans 8:17-18, 1 Peter 1:7, 1 Peter 4:12-19, and Philippians 1:29. What do these passages teach us about God's view of suffering?
5. What is your "even if"? What struggle in your life can you give to God and say, "Even if _____ (I don't get the healing, I lose my job, my marriage isn't restored...)"

Look Up: *God, you are an "always there" God. Help me to have an "even if" faith. Thank you for the promise that you will never leave me alone. As I walk through the fires of life, I will remember what you walked through for me and I will trust you. You are always there and you are always good.*