

## Friday

Please read Daniel 3:28–30. What was the impact of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego’s courage on the king?

We are always influencing people — for good or bad. Think about those closest to you; what visible influence are you having on them? Would they agree with you?

Write down the type of influence you desire to have on those you come into contact with. Now write down three ways you can move towards that goal.

*Pray through your “influence goal” and ask God to give you the courage, humility and faith to move towards being a person who influences other for good.*

## Saturday

Please read 1 Corinthians 15:13–14. Take each phrase of this verse and write down one way you can apply that to your faith and relationships right now.

*Please pray for this weekend’s service. Pray that as we continue our study in the book of Daniel our church will grow stronger in faith and in our influence on the community.*



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WEEK 3

## Standing Up in a Bow-Down World

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### The Four DLPs (Dominant Life Principles)

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1. \_\_\_\_\_  
“What’s happening around me?”
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
“What’s easiest?”
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
“What will others think?”
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
“What matters most?”

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold . . . and set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. *Daniel 3:1*

The herald proclaimed . . . “Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” Therefore, as soon as they heard the . . . music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. *Daniel 3:6–7*

### Four Important Life Questions

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
“ . . . there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon — Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego — who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.” *Daniel 3:12*

What is the \_\_\_\_\_ in my life?

over

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God we serve is able** to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But **even if he does not**, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." *Daniel 3:16-18*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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." 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.**" *Daniel 3:24-25*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! **They trusted in him 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." *Daniel 3:28*

Proximity + \_\_\_\_\_ = Influence

## The Bottom Line:

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love. *1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

**Conviction leads to** \_\_\_\_\_

### For more information about the persecuted church today:

- Christian Solidarity ([www.csw.org/uk](http://www.csw.org/uk))
- Barnabas Aid ([www.barnabasfund.org](http://www.barnabasfund.org))
- Voice of the Martyrs ([www.persecution.com](http://www.persecution.com))
- Open Doors USA ([www.opendoorsusa.org](http://www.opendoorsusa.org))

## Monday

Think honestly: Which of the four Dominant Life Principles (DLP) do you tend to live by?

Please read Daniel 3:1-7. What was most striking to you in the sermon? Why?

*Thank God today for the example of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Pray that your dominant life principle will be convictions. Ask God to give you courage.*

## Tuesday

Please read Daniel 3:12. What do you think were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's core identities?

What about you: what is your core identity? (By the way, this fall we'll spend 50 days focusing on who God is and you'll find your view of God impacts your core identity.)

Think about your life right now. What trumps everything else right now?

*Thank God today for the truth that your core identity is in Him. Pray that you'll grow in courage and conviction.*

## Wednesday

Please read Daniel 3:16-18. What do you find most encouraging in Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's courage in this passage?

How does it challenge you?

While you're not probably under threat of being thrown in a literal fire, you may feel the "fires" of various life situations. Are you able to say, "the God I serve is able...?" And "even if he does not..." I choose to serve Him?

What would it look like to apply the courage of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego to your life?

*Pray that you'll have the same attitude and faith of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.*

## Thursday

Please read Daniel 3:24-25. Think again today about the "fires" in your life. How does it encourage you to know that God is with you in those fires today?

What is your obstacle to believing He is with you?

*Thank God today that you never stand alone — in good times or bad. Talk to Him about your struggles to believe He is with you. Ask Him to grow your faith.*



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be strong.

Do everything in love.  
*1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NIV*