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How to Live the Christian Life in an Unchristian World

FIREPROOF

Daniel 3:1-30

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"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and 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." Daniel 3:17-18

How can you have a faith that stands up to the fire?

1. Check your heart to make sure your faith is genuine.

*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!
2 Corinthians 13:5*

* Talk is cheap.

2. Make up your mind that disobeying God is not an option.

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not worship them or serve them. Exodus 20:2-3, 5

A. Choose to obey, regardless of the pressures.

1. There will be pressure from your thoughts.

2. There will be pressure from your peers.

3. There will be pressure from your superiors.

Now if you are ready ... to fall down and worship the image that I have made, very well. Daniel 3:15

B. Choose to obey, regardless of the consequences.

3. Trust God, no matter what.

A. Know that God is able to deliver.

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh; is anything too difficult for Me? Jeremiah 3:27

B. Know that God is in control of the outcome.

*Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
Revelation 2:10*

C. Know that God will never abandon His children.

*Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.
Daniel 3:25 NKJ*

D. Know that God has a purpose in every fiery furnace.

1. He wants to set you free.

2. He wants to glorify Himself through you.

*Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach and
Abed-nego ... Daniel 3:29*

You can have a fireproof faith if you will choose to follow Him, come what may.