



## DELIVERANCE THROUGH THE FIRE

If you have a pattern of having someone share their *Story of Faith* (life before Jesus, encountering Jesus, life since/lately with Jesus) and/or sharing *Evidences of God's grace*, begin with that, followed by a time of thankful prayer for Christ's work in the individual's life/the grace in your lives.

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### OPENING COMMENT

God is able to deliver us *from* the fiery furnace but in His sovereignty He often decides to deliver us *through* the fire.

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### READ THE TEXT: Daniel 3:1-30

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Daniel's friends faced enormous pressure to conform. How does our culture pressure believers to reject God and conform to cultural norms?
2. What are some situations where you have had to show courage under fire?
3. Have you been — or are you now — grieved by various trials? If you are willing, share with the group the hard things you're experiencing. If God has brought you through some in the past, share them with the group for their encouragement.
4. An illustration with a rope was used to illustrate the decisions we make that affect the few years we have on earth and the decisions we make that affect eternity.
5. Have you, or someone you love, believed that to become a Christian means that everything will go well in your life? Read 1 Peter 1:6-7; 1 Peter 4:12-13; and



Philippians 1:20-21. If the belief that everything will go well for us in the Christian life is false, what is the true perspective?

6. What does King Nebuchadnezzar call the fourth figure in the furnace? Why is the figure there and what does that mean for us?

## CONCLUSION

Jesus said, *"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). On the one hand, we will not be spared from the fiery trials that come our way in this life. But Jesus will meet us in them! On the other hand, through the finished work of Jesus, we have been spared from the fires of hell and our future is secure in Him. We can take heart because Jesus has overcome the world.

## SHARE & PRAY

- Share how you can pray for each other in light of this study.
- Conclude by spending some time praying for one another, for the areas of growth and grace you are seeking, and the needs among you.

