

# DANIEL 3

## God's Presence in the Pit

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TIMES

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### DISCUSSION questions

1. Tell of a time when you faced tremendous pressure to compromise your convictions. Did you succeed or was the pressure simply too great? What was one important lesson you learned from that experience?
2. In what ways are followers of Christ being asked to compromise today? Explore among friends or family what that looks and feels like.
3. It appears Nebuchadnezzar accepted the Word of God as presented in Daniel 2 regarding the dream. Yet, this does not translate into an embrace of God's values, as demonstrated in Daniel 3. In what ways is this a tension in your own life? What prevents Christians from letting their actions reflect their beliefs?
4. Isaiah 43, written more than 100 years before the events of Daniel 3, speaks directly to Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's circumstances and how they might endure "Babylon" and the "Chaldeans" (v. 14). Read the chapter carefully. What promises stand out that might have shaped how the three friends dealt with the crisis of Daniel 3?
5. Carefully read Daniel 3:16-18. Take some time to construct a distinct set of principles, drawn from the passage, allowing you to stand on your convictions. What are these principles? Pray with your friends for the strength to live them out.

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