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5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 16 • Session 2

SHADRACH, MESHACH, AND ABEDNEGO

Daniel 3

HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD? WE CAN GLORIFY GOD BY LOVING HIM AND OBEYING HIM.

Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were some of the young men brought to Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar set up a large gold statue. A messenger of the king proclaimed, "Whenever you hear music, you are to fall facedown and worship this gold statue. Whoever does not fall down and worship the statue will be thrown into a furnace of fire." When the music played, everyone fell down and worshiped, except for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. Some people of Babylon told King Nebuchadnezzar.

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came before the king, the king said, "I will immediately throw you into a furnace of blazing fire. What god can rescue you from that?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "The God we serve can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire and from your power. But even if he does not rescue us, we want you to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up." Nebuchadnezzar made the furnace seven times hotter and had Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego tied up and thrown in the furnace. Suddenly, King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up, surprised. "Why do I see four men, not tied up, walking around in the fire unharmed? The fourth man looks like a son of the gods!" He called the men to come out. Not a hair of their heads was burned, and there was no smell of fire on them. Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! No other god can save like theirs."

Christ Connection: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow down to anything but God. When we trust in Jesus and God brings us from death to life, we turn away from worshipping anything else. Jesus is Savior and Lord over our lives.

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