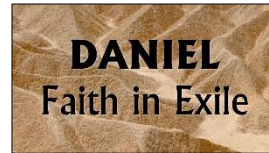


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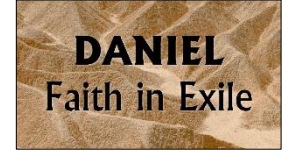
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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Who do you admire for standing up for their beliefs? Why?
- Read *Daniel 3:1-7*. If you were at Nebuchadnezzar's dedication ceremony, what do you imagine it would have been like? How would hearing the death threat have changed things?
- What effect is created by the repetition of the lists of officials and instruments? What does that imply about the scene and those involved?
- Read *Daniel 3:8-23*. Who calls attention to the actions of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and why? In his reaction, what does Nebuchadnezzar reveal about how he views himself and his religion?
- In their response, what do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego appear sure of and about what are they unsure? What does this say about their faith in God? When have you felt similarly?
- Read *Daniel 3:24-40*. Who do you believe was in the furnace with the three friends? What leads you to conclude that?
- Why is so much emphasis given to the friends' appearance?
- How is the Most High God more the protagonist in this story than the three friends are? What is revealed about God's power and God's ways of working in the world?
- How has God been with you in fiery trials, and not saved you *from* the fire so much as delivered you *through* the fire? How does this shape your faith in God today?
- In what ways do you feel the greatest pressure to compromise your faith and convictions, or where in your life now do you feel called to take a stand? How can your small group or others support and pray for you in this?

*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.