Series: "FAITH UNDER FIRE"
Part 4: "WHEN TRIALS TAKE OVER"
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18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from over the threshold of the temple and stopped above the cherubim. Ezekiel 10:18 (NIV)

23 The glory of the LORD went up from within the city and stopped above the mountain east of it. Ezekiel 11:23 (NIV)

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. 18 But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."
Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

25 He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."
Daniel 3:25 (NIV)

Where is God?

- **He's with his _____ followers, amidst their _____**

Two Truths about Trials….

1. **We need the _____ of God during trials, not a _____ of God**

   3 When the soldiers returned to camp, the elders of Israel asked, "Why did the LORD bring defeat on us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the LORD's covenant from Shiloh, so that he may go with us and save us from the hand of our enemies."
   1 Samuel 4:3 (NIV)

2. **We must view trials as _____, not _____**

   28 Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. 29 Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way."
   Daniel 3:28-29 (NIV)

   2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. 4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.
   James 1:2-4 (NIV)

When your faith's under fire due to trials….

1. **_____that God will _____**
2. **_____for God's _____**

Sermon Notes:

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