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Still Standing



- We need to develop a “**Bounce Back Spirit**”
 - **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**

Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

Daniel 2:48-49

- They were being **indoctrinated** into the **Babylonian** culture

Then the herald loudly proclaimed, “Nations and peoples of every language, this is what you are commanded to do: As soon as you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” Therefore, as soon as they heard the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp and all kinds of music, all the nations and peoples of every language fell down and worshiped the image of gold that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

Daniel 3:4-7

- **All** the peoples, nations and men from every language fell down and **worshiped**
- Not **everyone**

But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

Daniel 3:12

- They were **confident** in who they were

- **Shadrach** – Servant of Aku – the moon god; **Hananiah** – Jehovah has favored, the Lord shows grace
- **Meshach** – Who is this? **Misheal** – Who is equal to God?
- **Abednego** – Servant of Nego, god of wisdom; **Azariah** – Helped by Jehovah
 - Who are **you**?

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 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. 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

- They were **confident** in who He is
Psalms 27:1-3
Deuteronomy 31:6
Psalms 23:4

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

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 3:24-25

- There is **no** god like **your** God
- Having an unshakeable **confidence** in God is a crucial component of a Bounce Back Spirit