

FREEDOM CELEBRATION
Happy 4th Of July Weekend
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FREEDOM

1. Freedom Stands When The Pressure Is On

*“When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar’s gold statue. **Anyone who refuses** to obey will immediately be **thrown into a blazing furnace.**”* – Daniel 3:5-6

2. Freedom Stands Through The Fire

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that **we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.**” – Daniel 3:7-8

*“Look!” Nebuchadnezzar shouted. **“I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!”*** – Daniel 3:25

3. Freedom Stands With Faith In God

*But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. **They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up.**”* – Daniel 3:12

4. Freedom Is A Witness To The World

*Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “**Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!** He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king’s command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God ... **There is no other god who can rescue like this!**” – Daniel 3:28,29*

STEPS OF FAITH

1. Decide Before The Pressure Comes.
2. Refuse To Bow To The Idols Of The Age.
3. Trust God Even When You Do Not Know The Outcome.
4. Be A Witness, Not Just A Critic.
5. Celebrate Freedom By Using It For God’s Glory.