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Matthew 5:10 (NIV) Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted

2 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV) That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Matthew 24:9 (NIV) Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

1. Persecution will try to _____ your voice ...

Daniel 3:8-18 (NIV) At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "May the king live forever! Your Majesty has issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. 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." Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

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."

1a. ... Instead, let persecution deepen your _____

2. Persecution will try to kill your _____ ...

Daniel 3:19-20 (NIV) Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace.

2a. ... Instead, let persecution increase your awareness of your divine _____

Daniel 3:21-25 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." ... So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them.

3. Persecution will try to destroy your _____ ...

3a. ... Instead, let persecution lead to _____

Daniel 3:27,30 (NIV) ...They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. ... Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

Manna News:

- ✓ "Water Day" is TODAY. Stick around after service for some fun & food
- ✓ 21 Days of Prayer is August 8-28

Info Guide

Welcome

We're glad you're here! This Info Guide will help you learn how to get connected at Manna and share what is available to you at the service today. We hope you feel at home and enjoy your time with us.

What to Expect

During today's worship experience you can expect about a 65 minute service that will begin with approximately 20-25 minutes of worship, we will also have a brief time of announcements, followed by a 35-minute biblical and practical message delivered by our Pastor.

Connection Card

If you're a first-time guest, we would love for you to fill out a connection card. No one is planning to call you or come by your house—We just want to thank you for joining us today and let you know what is available to you here at Manna.

Free Gift

If it is your first time with us, we have a gift available for you in the lobby at the end of service— We simply want to give you a gift to thank you for being with us today!

NextStep

If you want to learn more about Manna Church, who God has called you to be, and how you can make a difference, NextStep is for you.

It is a 4-week small group that meets the first four Sundays of every month. Childcare is provided and you can learn the times and locations at the info center in the lobby. We would love for you to take this step!

Manna Kids

We promise a clean and safe environment where children can experience and enjoy the love of Jesus. The Nursery/Preschool experience is available for kids 6 weeks through 5 years, and the Elementary experience is for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We would love to have your child join us!

Manna Students

Manna Students meets weekly, at Manna Capital, Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. We play games, fellowship, and grow together in our relationship with Jesus. Middle School and High School age both welcomed! Our current focus is on learning to hear the voice of God.

Small Groups

Life-change happens in the context of small groups. Get involved in one today! Visit our website for a list of small groups.

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