

### Daniel 3

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On Sunday we continued our sermon series exploring the book of Daniel with Kathryn Segal speaking on chapter 3.

#### Scripture

Daniel 3:1-30

1 Peter 1:6

#### Overview

In exploring the third chapter of Daniel we saw that there was pressure to bow to other gods, which is also true for now as it was then. Our challenge in East Kent today is not being forced to bow to a giant gold statue, but the pressure to worship other things beyond the God of the Bible is just as real. From relationships to influence, money to power, we are pressured to conform to surrounding idols.

Chapter 3 shows us that God is faithful and able to save us from the fire - but even if He doesn't, He is always worthy of our worship in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in. Daniel's friends refused to bow to the pressure and faced the murderous rage of the king. Still, they stayed faithful, trusting not in their circumstance but in their God. Many of us are facing fires in life, either because of our faith or living in a fallen world. The hope of Christ is not that He promises no hardship, but that He will be with us in the fire, refining us for His glory and keeping us so that we are not tainted by the fire.

#### Questions

1. What fires are you facing today and how are they affecting your faith?
2. What hope does this story in Daniel give you?
3. How can we stand with one another through the difficulties of life?