

*Faith that Does  
not Compromise*

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# DEFINITION

## ○ COMPROMISE

### ○ *Noun:*

- **an agreement or a settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions.**

### ○ *Verb:*

- **settle a dispute by mutual concession.**

- **accept standards that are lower than is desirable.**

## DANIEL 3:1-7

Nebuchadnezzar the king made a statue of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits, and its width six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon.

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<sup>2</sup> Nebuchadnezzar the king also sent word to assemble the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the chief treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the administrators of the provinces to come to the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

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<sup>3</sup> Then the satraps, the prefects and the governors, the counselors, the chief treasurers, the judges, the magistrates, and all the administrators of the provinces were assembled for the dedication of the statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

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<sup>4</sup> Then the herald loudly proclaimed: “To you the command is given, you peoples, nations, and populations of all languages,  
<sup>5</sup> that at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king has set up.

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<sup>6</sup> But whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into the middle of a furnace of blazing fire.” <sup>7</sup> Therefore as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe,

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bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, all the peoples, nations, and populations of all languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.



# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

- **Daniel** – Belteshazzar
  - God is my Judge
- **Hananiah** – Shadrach
  - God is Gracious; God is Merciful; Gift of God
- **Michael** – Meshach
  - Who is like the Mighty One (Who is like our God)
- **Azariah** – Abed-nego
  - Helped by God

## CLING TO FAITH

The culture may try to redefine you, change your name, take away your identity and fundamentally transform you; hold fast to the gospel, remember your name, remember your God, and *don't lose heart.*

## DANIEL 3:8-18

For this reason at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and brought charges against the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They began to speak and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: “O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree that every person who hears the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, is to fall down and worship the golden statue.

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<sup>11</sup> But whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into the middle of a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the administration of the province of Babylon, namely Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. These men, O king, have disregarded you; they do not serve your gods, nor do they worship the golden statue which you have set up.”

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<sup>13</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar in rage and anger gave orders to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; then these men were brought before the king. <sup>14</sup> Nebuchadnezzar began speaking and said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that you do not serve my gods, nor worship the golden statue that I have set up?”

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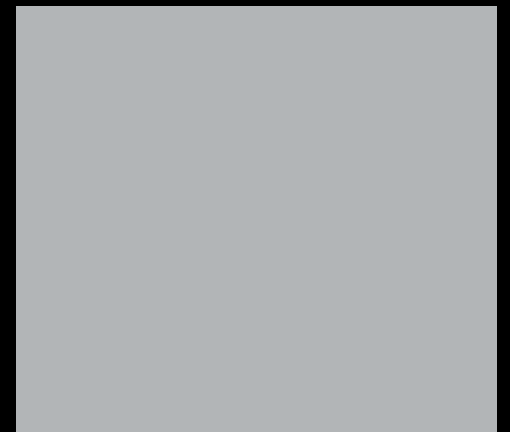
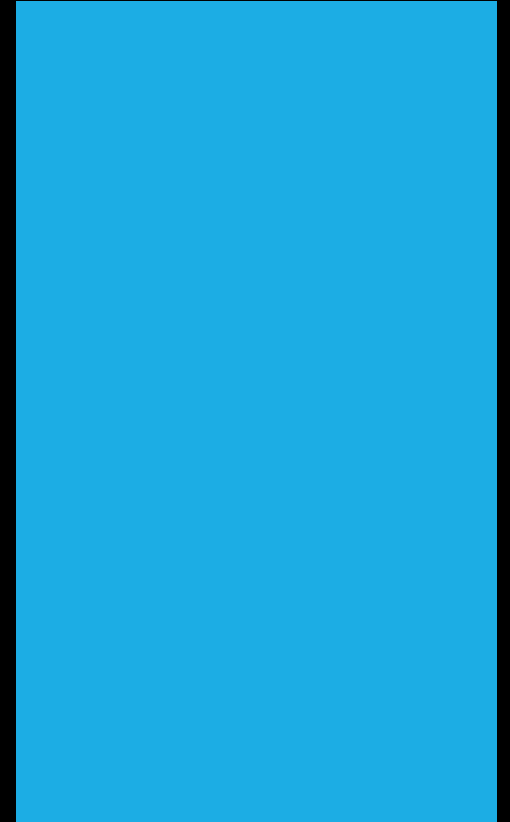
<sup>15</sup> Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe, and all kinds of musical instruments, to fall down and worship the statue that I have made, very well. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be thrown into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can rescue you from my hands?”

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<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego replied to the king, “Nebuchadnezzar, we are not in need of an answer to give you concerning this matter. <sup>17</sup> If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup> But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods nor worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

# HAVE GUTS?

After a massively restrictive edict is passed that would violate God's law, three young lads dug in and resolved not defile themselves and the law of God. It is clear God's law was written on their hearts and it burned within them, it bolstered their faith.





## DANIEL 3:19-30

Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with wrath, and his facial expression was changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. He answered by giving orders to heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated.

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<sup>20</sup> And he ordered certain valiant warriors who were in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego in order to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup> Then these men were tied up in their trousers, their coats, their caps, and their other clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the furnace of blazing fire.

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<sup>22</sup> For this reason, because the king's command was harsh and the furnace had been made extremely hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. <sup>23</sup> But these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell into the middle of the furnace of blazing fire still tied up. prosperous in the province of Babylon.

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<sup>24</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astounded and stood up quickly; he said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the middle of the fire?” They replied to the king, “Absolutely, O king.” <sup>25</sup> He responded, “Look! I see four men untied and walking about in the middle of the fire unharmed, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods!”

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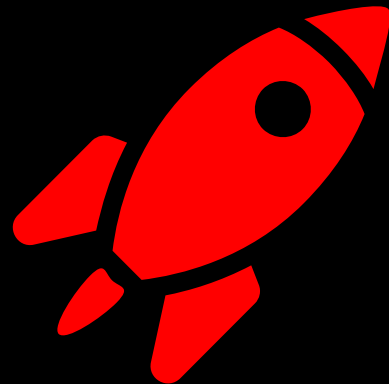
<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the furnace of blazing fire; he said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, come out, you servants of the Most High God, and come here!” Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came out of the middle of the fire.

## DANIEL 3:19–30

<sup>27</sup> The satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men, nor was the hair of their heads singed, nor were their trousers damaged, nor had even the smell of fire touched them.

# THOUGHT

Your *faith* may just change the trajectory of a nation!



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<sup>28</sup> Nebuchadnezzar responded and said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has sent His angel and rescued His servants who put their trust in Him, violating the king’s command, and surrendered their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.



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<sup>29</sup> Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or population of any language that speaks anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego shall be torn limb from limb and their houses made a rubbish heap, because there is no other god who is able to save in this way.”

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<sup>30</sup> Then the king made Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego prosperous in the province of Babylon.

# BE FIRM & IMMOVABLE

The faith exhibited by Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego is extraordinary! It shows what people, full of faith, unwavering, determined and committed to the Lord can accomplish. Their cry, even if God doesn't deliver them, they still wouldn't give in.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50-57

Now I say this, brothers and sisters,  
that flesh and blood cannot inherit  
the kingdom of God; nor does the  
perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>  
Behold, I am telling you a mystery;  
we will not all sleep, but we will all be  
changed,

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50–57

<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50–57

<sup>54</sup> But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written:  
“DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in victory.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:50–57

<sup>55</sup> WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; <sup>57</sup> but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.





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1 Corinthians 15:58