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We encourage you to read through the book of Daniel and a couple of NT passages. Below is the schedule for this series. Circle, highlight, and journal key thoughts and ideas as it relates to this series.

<b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Daniel 1 and 2
<b>June 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Daniel 3 and 4
<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Daniel 5 and 6
<b>June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Daniel 7 and 8
<b>July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Daniel 9 and 10
<b>July 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Daniel 11 and 12
<b>July 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Matthew 24 and 25
<b>July 24<sup>th</sup></b>	1 Thessalonians 4 and 5

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to see and my heart to obey. Give wisdom and insight into this week's reading so that I can be the person you called me to be, even if the world is pulling me in a different direction.

Please read Daniel 3. Circle all the words or phrases associated with worship, serve, or trust in that chapter. What is the tension in this chapter that the three Jewish servants have to wrestle with as Jewish believers?

Pastor Mark talked about three Daniel Doctrines that are interwoven within the context of the book of Daniel. Where do you see these doctrines displayed within chapter 3?

**Daniel Doctrines:**

- 1) God is in control. (Sovereignty)
- 2) God is with us. (Immanence)
- 3) God is in heaven. (Transcendence)

**UNCONSCIOUS IDOLATRY**

**Read Exodus 20:1-21:** What do these verses say about who God is and his desire? What exactly is idolatry? Why is God opposed to idolatry?

**Read Deuteronomy 5:1-11:** Compare and contrast these verses with Exodus 20.

Pastor Mark talked about various kinds of idols such as:

- The idol of certainty
- The idol of control
- The idol of comfort

Do you struggle with any of these idols, or would you add any to the list?

**MISPLACED TRUST**

**Read Hebrews 11:1-40:** How do these heroes of the faith compare to the faith of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? How did these heroes ensure that they trusted in God alone?

**Read Psalm 20:7:** Are there any chariots that you are trusting in, other than the Lord? For example, is your trust in your finances, job security, success, performance, and abilities, or is your trust in the Lord?

**ANOTHER IN THE FIRE**

Spend time reading this week the following Psalms: Psalms 16, 23, 46, 121.

What do these Psalms say about the Lord's presence amid the furnace? How might these Psalms encourage you or one of your friends as we go through a difficult time?