

SERMON SERIES: Among Lions

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Sermon Title:

“In the Line of Fire”

Introduction

This week we continued in our series “Among Lions” in Daniel chapter 3. Nebuchadnezzar builds a statue and punishes everyone who does not bow, but we found that when we are in the line of fire from culture, we see Jesus in the fire with us.

- Share a moment in your life where you felt your faith was tested. How did you respond?

Seek the Word

- Read Daniel 3:1-15. Discuss the intensity and pressure of King Nebuchadnezzar's command to worship the golden image. How might this relate to challenges believers face in today's culture?
- Read Daniel 3:16-30. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego express their unwavering trust in God, even in the face of potential death. What gave them this confidence? How can we develop and strengthen this kind of faith in our own lives?

Go Deeper

Read James 1:22-25. This passage emphasizes the importance of not just hearing the word but doing it. How does consistent obedience to God's word contribute to our ability to face challenges with courage?

Talk About It

- How can we discern between challenges that are consequences of our actions and those that are part of the “furnace” experiences God allows for our growth?
- Discuss specific areas in your life where you might be tempted to compromise your convictions. How can you actively resist compromising in those areas?
- In your own journey, how have you experienced God's presence in challenging times? Share moments when you felt His comfort and guidance.

Wrap Up

Reminder: When you're in the “furnace”, you are never alone.

Challenge: This week, reflect on a current struggle or challenge you're facing. Change your perspective from asking God to “get you out” to asking Him to “join you in”. Look for ways that your mindset shifts when searching for the fourth man in the fire.