

# Discussion Questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

Everyone will face challenges to their convictions. Sometimes the challenges are actually threats which warn of severe cost. What do we do in these moments, particularly when our faith is the conviction being challenged? This message looks at an example of courageous living that ended with an inspiring result.

## **GETTING STARTED**

1. Describe a time when your convictions were challenged? How did you respond?
2. State a core conviction. When did you embrace it, and why?

## **BIBLE IDEA**

3. Read Daniel 3:8-30. How would you have responded in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's position?
4. What were the reasons Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were able to resist the king's edict? What reasons do you have for living out your core convictions?
5. In what way are your convictions being challenged? What costs may be associated with living out your convictions? What is the benefit of living faithful?

## **NEXT STEPS**

6. Identify any areas of compromise, such as places of disconnect between your convictions and your behavior. What are they and when do they normally occur?
7. What can you do to remind yourself to stand firm during temptation? What words or ideas or examples can you recall during these critical times?

## The Power to Inspire

### Daniel 3:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup> You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. <sup>11</sup> And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. <sup>12</sup> There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

Daniel 3:13-30

The power to \_\_\_\_\_ is found in \_\_\_\_\_ living out your  
\_\_\_\_\_!

A. When we fearlessly live out our convictions, people will \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 4:13-14

B. When we fearlessly live out our convictions, it becomes obvious whom  
\_\_\_\_\_.

C. When we fearlessly live out our convictions, \_\_\_\_\_ is  
on display.

Isaiah 43:1-3

D. When we fearlessly live out our convictions, people see the \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_.