

# 5-Day Devotional: Finding God in the Fire

## Day 1: God Is Able

**Reading:** Daniel 3:16-18

**Devotional:** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego declared with unwavering confidence: "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us." Before they spoke of God's willingness or wisdom, they anchored their faith in His ability. When facing your fiery furnace today, begin here—God is able. He has the power to intervene, heal, restore, and deliver. Your circumstances may feel overwhelming, but they are never beyond His capacity. The question isn't whether God can handle what you're walking through; He absolutely can. Today, declare over your situation: "My God is able." Let this truth be the foundation upon which your faith stands, regardless of what you see or feel.

**Reflection:** What situation in your life needs you to declare "God is able" over it today?

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## Day 2: God Is Willing

**Reading:** John 9:1-3

**Devotional:** The disciples assumed suffering meant sin, but Jesus revealed a greater truth: "that the works of God might be displayed in him." God isn't distant or unwilling—He is actively working for His glory and your good. The Hebrew children didn't just say God was able; they declared "He will deliver us." God's willingness flows from His character as a good Father. Sometimes we pray "if it be Your will" as an escape clause in case He doesn't answer as we hope. But understand this: it IS His will to be with you, to work through you, and to display His glory in your life. Trust not only in His ability but in His desire to show Himself strong on your behalf.

**Reflection:** Where have you doubted God's willingness rather than His ability?

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## Day 3: God's Wisdom Surpasses Our Understanding

**Reading:** Job 38:1-4

**Devotional:** When Job questioned God, the Almighty responded not with explanations but with perspective: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?" God doesn't owe us explanations because His wisdom infinitely surpasses ours. The statement rings true: "If God were small enough to be understood, He would not be big enough to be worshipped." The Hebrew children concluded, "But if not...we will not serve your gods." This wasn't doubt—it was trust in God's superior wisdom. When you cannot understand the "why," you can still trust the "Who." His ways are higher, His thoughts beyond our comprehension. Your confusion doesn't diminish His clarity. Your inability to see the full picture doesn't mean He lacks one.

**Reflection:** What situation requires you to trust God's wisdom over your understanding?

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## Day 4: Suffering Produces Steadfastness

**Reading:** James 1:2-4

**Devotional:** "Count it all joy...for the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." This seems counterintuitive until you understand that steadfastness means "firm and unwavering." Like iron sharpening iron—a cutting, heating, hammering process—trials refine us. Pearls form through irritation; the oyster's struggle creates something beautiful. Heaven's gates are made of pearls—suffering transformed into glory. Your current trial isn't wasted; it's preparing you for something greater. Each difficulty you overcome with God builds your capacity to trust Him in the next challenge. You're not just surviving; you're being shaped into someone firm and unwavering in faith. The pressure isn't destroying you—it's making you rely not on yourself but on God alone.

**Reflection:** How have past trials prepared you for what you're facing now?

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## Day 5: God Walks Through the Fire With You

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

**Devotional:** When Nebuchadnezzar looked into the furnace, he saw four men instead of three—and one "looked like the Son of God." God doesn't always deliver us from the fire, but He always walks through it with us. Paul wrote of being "utterly burdened beyond our strength" and despairing of life itself. Yet this drove him to rely on God rather than himself. Your suffering has purpose: it pushes you

toward divine dependence. You may be in the fire right now, but look closely—you're not alone. Jesus is there with you. The flames that should destroy you cannot touch you when He's present. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, knowing that every pearl of suffering you've endured is now behind you, transformed into something beautiful as you walk into His glory.

**Reflection:** Where do you need to recognize Jesus walking beside you in your current trial?

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**Closing Prayer:** Father, thank You that You are able, willing, and infinitely wise. Help me trust You in the fire, knowing You walk with me through every trial. Shape me through suffering into someone firm and unwavering in faith. I declare that even when I don't understand, You are good—all the time. In Jesus' name, Amen.