

Stand Firm in the Fire

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2022-23 Theme Verse

"But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved." Hebrews 10:39 NIV

A faith that is ______ is a faith that can be _____ Proverbs 17:3; 1 Peter 1:7; 4:12-13; James 1:2-4, 12; Romans 5:3-5

Three qualities of standing firm in the fire:

٦.	Faith obeys	_ instead of following	
			Daniel 3:1-23
2.	Faith	in spite of what it sees	
			Daniel 3:24-30
3.	Faithful	_ is our responsibility, the	is God's
		Hel	brews 11, John 14:15, 21, Exodus 20:2-3
	Faith is demo	nstrated in the	we make!

Key Takeaways from the Book of Daniel:

- Stand Out Make predetermined decisions (Ch. 1)
- Stand Up Be willing to speak the truth in a loving manner (Ch. 4)
- Stand Strong Pray and trust God with the results (Ch. 6)
- Stand in Faith God is working even when we don't see it (Ch. 10)
- Stand in the Fire Our responsibility is to trust and obey, regardless of consequences (Ch. 3)

Reflection Questions:

- Whose opinion matters most to me? Whose approval am I living for?
- Am I being conformed more to the image of Christ or the culture I live in?
- How do my values, perspectives, thoughts, words, and deeds line up with God's?
- What has God already told me in His Word that I haven't started doing yet?



Key Question for this Series:

As followers of Jesus, how do we stand out in the right way, at the right time, for the right reason?

Two Fundamental Ideas:

- If you take a stand for the right things, at the right time, in the right way—you can change the course of history.
- If you compromise with the wrong things, at the wrong times, for the wrong reasons—the cost is more than you can imagine.

Memory Verse

"Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you." 1 Peter 4:12 NLT

My Next Steps:

- o I'll memorize 1 Peter 4:12
- o Today, for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!
- o I'll choose faith in a specific situation I'm facing right now!
- o I'm ALL IN and will help invite people to Hope Church this year
- o I'll invite ______ to join me next week for the start of Detour series
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Additional Notes: