

# Unshakeable Unbreakable: How To Thrive In Our World When Feel the Culture Clash

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Before every blessing there is always a \_\_\_\_\_.

God \_\_\_\_\_ us with stress before he \_\_\_\_\_ us with success.

## THREE SIMILARITIES WE FACE TODAY

1. The world creates larger-than-life images for me to \_\_\_\_\_.

*Daniel 3:1* - King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, ninety feet high and nine feet wide . . .

2. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the world's idols, people will try to burn me.

*Daniel 3:8-12* - At this time some astrologers came forward and denounced the Jews. <sup>9</sup> They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! <sup>10</sup> You have issued a decree, O king, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music must fall down and worship the image of gold, <sup>11</sup> and that whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a blazing furnace. <sup>12</sup> But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon-Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – who pay

no attention to you, O king. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up."

3. Doing the right thing always makes some people \_\_\_\_\_.

*Daniel 3:13-15* - Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, <sup>14</sup> and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? <sup>15</sup> Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?"

### WHAT DO I DO WHEN I FEEL THE HEAT OF THE CULTURE CLASH?

1. Don't worry about \_\_\_\_\_ myself.

*Daniel 3:16* - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, **we do not need to defend ourselves** before you in this matter.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ that God has the power to save me.

*Daniel 3:17* - If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is **able** to save us from it...

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God will save me.

*Daniel 3:17* ...and **he will rescue** us from your hand, O king.

*Isaiah 43:2* - **When** you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and **when** you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. **When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.**

4. I announce my \_\_\_\_\_ to God no matter what.

*Daniel 3:18* - But even **if he does not**, we want you to know, O king, that **we will not serve** your Gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I TRUST GOD IN THE HEAT OF THE CULTURE CLASH?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ will walk through the fire with \_\_\_\_\_.

*Daniel 3:24-25* - Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." <sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! **I see four men walking around in the fire**, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks **like a son of the gods**."

2. God makes sure I come out \_\_\_\_\_.

*Daniel 3:26-27* - Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire**, <sup>27</sup> and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the **fire had not harmed their bodies**, nor was a **hair** of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and **there was no smell** of fire on them.

3. It will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*Daniel 3:28-30* - Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! **They trusted in him** and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.<sup>29</sup> Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for **no other god can save in this way**."<sup>30</sup> Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the province of Babylon.