

Survivor Oregon

Fireproofing the Life God has Given You to Live
Daniel chap. 1-3

Question: What is 90 feet tall and 9 feet wide and starring you in the face today?

Living life God’s way isn’t necessarily found apart from the flames of life. Sometimes, we’ve got to take a faith-filled step into the flames in order to discover what it really means to be FIREPROOF.

How do you respond to the 90 x 9 images in your life?

- RETREAT IN _____
- ATTACK IN _____
- RESPOND IN _____

1. _____ yourself with God's STORY and Tell your STORY. {strategy}

“Blessed be the name of God, forever and ever. He knows all, does all: He changes the seasons and guides history, He raises up kings and also brings them down, he provides both intelligence and discernment, He opens up the depths, tells secrets, sees in the dark—light spill out of him! _____

_____ all thanks! All praise! You made me wise and strong. And now you’ve shown us what we asked for. You’ve solved the king’s mystery.”

2. _____ in your relationship with God and others. {alliance}

“Four young men from Judah – Danial, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah – were among those selected.....But Daniel determined that he would not defile himself by eating the king’s food or drinking his wine....”

DANIEL:

HANANIAH:

MISHAEL:

AZARIAH:

“God gave these four young men knowledge and skill in both books and life. In addition, Danial was gifted in understanding all sorts of visions and dreams.”

And if somebody overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken" (Eccl. 4:12).

3. _____ to serve the god's of this world by

4. _____ the God you serve. {immunity}

“”Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, ‘Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king.’”

SHEMA: “Hear O Israel (Harvest): The Lord our God, the LORD is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength” (Deut. 6:4-5)

5. _____ to be “voted off” the island. {prize} *But even if he doesn’t, it wouldn’t make a bit of difference, O king. We still wouldn’t serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.”* (Daniel 3:18).

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The BLESSINGS of living a FIREPROOF life:

✓ _____ with God

✓ _____ from “chains”

✓ _____ a FAITH an unbelieving world can't resist.

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“Anyone who meets a testing challenge head-on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such persons loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life” (James 1:12, The Message).

Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! [15] Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing. Philip. 2:14-15 (Msg)

February memory verse: John 15:5 (NIV) *I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*