

# Lesson Fifteen

## Faith When The Outcome Is Iffy At Best

### **Daniel 3 (Daniel's Friends)**

1. The decision to obey is never an \_\_\_\_\_ one.
2. The decision to obey is made way before the time to take the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The decision to obey is easier in group but \_\_\_\_\_ individually.
4. The decision to obey is based on who God \_\_\_\_\_ and not on what he will \_\_\_\_\_ for you.
5. The decision to obey is always \_\_\_\_\_ with God's faithful presence.

### **Commit this verse to memory: Daniel 3:17-18**

*Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, o king. But if not, be it know to you, o king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.*

## Discussion Questions

I knew a woman named Ruth back in the 80s. She used to host our family when we traveled from Lebanon for a respite from war. She lived in Grand Rapids and took us blueberry picking. One summer, her house burned down taking everything with it.

It was devastating. Fire can be devastating.

But it can also be purifying – like the fire that the silversmith uses to refine silver.

In this lesson, we will see how 3 young men refused to worship an idol and faced the fire instead. This fire looked devastating but it was also hugely refining and pointed to the Lord and His glory.

If you're facing the fire right now, know that you're not alone. The same God who stood with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stands with you today and that is no small thing when you're staring at the flames.

Let's ask the Lord to strengthen us as we learn how to stand strong when the outcome is iffy at best.

1. Are you facing a situation right now that you're just not sure how it's going to turn out? Explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How does the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego inspire you to act when the outcome in your life looks iffy at best?

