

Prayer:

Monumental Asks & Staggering Surrender

Daniel 3:16-19

“Prayer is God's invitation to commune with him and know his heart.” - Aron Osborne

Daniel 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

If you don't feel the bloody punch of the world against you, it's possible you've already been giving in to the pressures of the culture around and "privatizing your faith" - Tim Keller

Daniel 3:17 If this be so, 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.

God can sometimes rescue you from death but He will always rescue you through death - Tim Keller

God is pleased when his people live by trusting him - R.C. Sproul

Daniel 3:18 But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

If we remember that Jesus was thrown into the ultimate furnace on our behalf it will cause us to sense his presence in our cooler, smaller furnaces that we walk through in this life and it will ultimately 'turn our faith to gold' - Tim Keller

Pray that:

- Our faith is firm in public.
- We learn how to simply ask well (and often!) & surrender fully.
- We rightly live out a 'surrendered faith'.
- We trust God more than our circumstances.
- We experience the good of Jesus in the fire with us!