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A stylized illustration of a city skyline with several skyscrapers in shades of brown and tan. A large, solid yellow sun is positioned in the upper right corner. The background is a light beige color. The overall style is minimalist and modern.

A powerful  
king



## A strategic message



A public demand



## A unified response

## A different response in a difficult place.

*"They stood together because they knew whose they were."*

Faithful even if he does not ...



We serve God.



He is able to deliver us.



But even if he does not ...



We will not bow.

**“But even if he does not ...”**  
DANIEL 3:16–18

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knowing the difference between  
**serving Babylon and bowing to Babylon.**

# INTO THE FIRE

The furnace was seven times hotter ...

DANIEL 3:19–27

The king's response to their refusal was anger, and the furnace was heated seven times hotter than usual. But in the fire, they were not alone.



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I see four men walking around in the fire ... and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

DANIEL 3:25

## DELIVERED AND HONORED

God delivered them and honored their faithfulness.

DANIEL 3:28–30



Their faith was recognized.



The king praised their God.



They were elevated, not harmed.



## A LASTING LESSON

Faithfulness points us to a greater reality.

The God who is with us in the fire is the One who gives us courage to stand, and the One who is faithful even when deliverance doesn't come as we expect.



## MODERN IMAGES

Good things can become ultimate things.



Politics



Money



Relationships



Success



Media

The issue is not the thing itself, but what we bow to.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

Faithfulness in exile means knowing the difference between serving Babylon and bowing to Babylon.

### NOTES

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### FOR FURTHER STUDY

- Read Daniel 3:1–30
- What modern “images” compete for our ultimate allegiance?
- Where do you see pressure to bow in your own life?
- How can we encourage one another to stand faithfully?
- Read 1 Peter 1:6–7 and 4:12–16. What do these passages add?