

Prayer Diary from Monday 8th August – Stand in the Fire

This Sunday we stepped out of our God is... series – although we have to remember that everything in our lives as His disciples flows from who and how God is. And the realities of God, and how faithful He is mean that we can take our stand in every circumstance, on those truths and in in Him. Whatever the trials or the challenges we face, we can stand.

The story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego is powerful and challenging all at the same time. Read the whole thing in Daniel 3 a couple of times during the week, and marvel at God's awesomeness and faithfulness.

And, then each day ponder the scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more of His Power to you and what it means to you. Pray, praise, and give thanks as you feel led. (Scriptures from Daniel 3 unless otherwise stated.)

Monday: ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. **Are there times and places where you feel the need to defend yourself, or even God? Reflect on their response and how this might affect your situations.***

Tuesday: ¹⁶ *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. **God is able to deliver you from those blazing furnaces in your life – praise and thank Him today for times when He has delivered you in the middle of fiery challenges.***

Wednesday: ¹⁸ *But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." **What a huge declaration of faith and trust, that even if God lets them burn – they will still stand firm and not serve other gods or objects. Pray for faith, courage and strength to declare the same over yourself today.***

Thursday: *Isaiah 43: But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 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. 3 For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; **Read this passage several times, out loud if you can, and let the depth of God's promise sink into your spirit today. And give Him thanks for His promises.***

Friday: Keep in Isaiah 43 as above and let these verses sink even more deeply into you today – this is God speaking over your life and circumstances. Maybe pray them over yourself, your family and friends as a declaration knowing that the Holy one of Israel has made these over you. Thank you, heavenly Father.

Have a great week.

Love and blessings

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