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King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. **Daniel 3:1-2 (ESV)**

And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. **Daniel 3:6 (ESV)**

Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

Daniel 3:13-15 (ESV)

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 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. 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." **Daniel 3:16-18 (ESV)**

THREE THINGS TO REMEMBER IN "BUT IF NOT" MOMENTS

GOD CAN DELIVER ME FROM ANY DIFFICULTY

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. **Exodus 15:6 (ESV)**

The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save. **Zephaniah 3:17 (NKJV)**

GOD'S DELIVERANCE RARELY LOOKS LIKE WHAT I EXPECT

Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done. **Luke 22:42 (ESV)**

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." **Daniel 3:24-25 (ESV)**

GOD HAS PROMISED TO BE WITH ME

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. **Revelation 21:3-4 (ESV)**

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go. **Joshua 1:9 (ESV)**

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **Matthew 28:20 (ESV)**

Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" **Daniel 3:26 (ESV)**

Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.

Daniel 3:29 (ESV)

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you. **Isaiah 43:2 (ESV)**