

Even if He does not...

For the week of July 28 – August 3

Big Question for the week: What vital aspect of Christian life or trust do we discover in this 'kids story'?

Day 1: Daniel 3:1 – 30

Three questions to ponder:

- When have you found yourself in a similar situation to the Hebrew young men?
- In what areas of life might it be most difficult to declare with trust, "even if He does not..."??
- How (or not) do we see Nebuchadnezzar change?

Day 2: Daniel 2:1 – 6, 17 - 49

Three questions to ponder:

- How is this passage setting the stage for our main text for the week?
- What do we learn about the character of Nebuchadnezzar?
- What qualities in living as exiles do we learn in this chapter?

Day 3: Deuteronomy 4:15 – 20; Isaiah 43:1 – 2, Isaiah 48:6 – 11

Three questions to ponder:

- How do these authors use the image of fire?
- When have you experienced the refining fires of life?
- How has your faith been refined by these fires?

Day 4: Genesis 22:9 – 14, Matthew 27:1 – 2, 32 – 37

Three questions to ponder:

- Note some similarities with the passage from Daniel 3.
- How do the persons all 'give themselves up'?
- To whom / Whom, do they give themselves up to? Why?

Day 5: Exodus 20:4 – 5; Psalm 24

Three questions to ponder:

- What does God demand from His followers?
- What might be an idol in your life – i.e. what offers you security, hope or meaning [in the place of God]?
- How might you guard against idolatry in your life?

Prayer: we might find greater hope and trust in the LORD God.