

God's Survival Manual

When the crisis hits

Daniel 3:19-28

Allergic to sacrifice?

1. God is with us in the furnace¹

2. God will rescue us from the furnace²

Questions for discussion

1. In what ways might you be “allergic to sacrifices”? What types of issues or fears hold you back from wholehearted devotion to Christ?
2. In 1 Peter 4:7 Peter says “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.” Do you tend to assume that if you live well that life will go well? Why do you think Peter’s warning is so crucial?
3. The Israelites ended up wandering around the desert for 40 years because they were too cowardly to step out in faith. In what ways are we driven by risk avoidance, and how does this passage help us?
4. What might it look like in our situation to take risks for the cause of God? What difference does it make knowing that God is with us in the furnace and will ultimately rescue us from the furnace?

¹ 1 Peter 4:7; Psalm 23:4; Matthew 5:11-12; Genesis 39:2; Acts 5:41, 16:25

² Luke 21:16-18, 21:1-4