



Under Pressure #2

Pressure Reveals Our Faith

Call Study – Jason Park

¹² But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.” ¹³ Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴ and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?” ¹⁵ Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?” ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. **Daniel 3:12–16**

Big Idea: Reveals where our trust truly rests.

Now **FAITH** is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. **Heb. 11:1**

PRESSURE REVEALS WHO WE **WORSHIP**

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No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. **Matt. 6:24**

Truth: Every man worships something. Pressure reveals what it is.

Q: What are some things that compete for your worship (devotion, reverence, loyalty, attention)?

PRESSURE REVEALS WHAT WE **BELIEVE** ABOUT GOD

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. 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.” **Dan. 3:17–18**

Though the cherry trees don’t blossom and the strawberries don’t ripen, Though the apples are worm-eaten and the wheat fields stunted, Though the sheep pens are sheepless and the cattle barns empty, I’m singing joyful praise to God. I’m turning cartwheels of joy to my Savior God. Counting on God’s Rule to prevail, I take heart and gain strength. I run like a deer. I feel like I’m king of the mountain! **Hab. 3:17-19 Msg**

Truth: Faith isn't believing God will always do what I want. Faith is trusting Him no matter what He chooses to do.

Q: How does knowing God's character change the way you face uncertainty?

PRESSURE REVEALS GOD IS **PRESENT**

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." ²⁵ He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." **Dan. 3:24-25**

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. **Is. 43:2**

Truth: God's greatest promise isn't always deliverance from the fire—it's His presence in the fire.

Q: Where do you need to trust God's presence today?

PRESSURE MAKES FAITH CONTAGIOUS

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! **Dan. 3:28**

¹² But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. **Phil. 1:12-14**

Key Verse: "But even if He does not..." **Dan. 3:18**

This Week's Challenge:

Identify one area where pressure has exposed fear, compromise, or misplaced trust.

Pray each morning: "Lord, whether You change my circumstances or not, help me trust Your character."

How can we pray for you?

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