

## Are You Ready to Pass the Test? Pastor's Desk – August 6, 2017



A few weeks ago, I read the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and the Lord showed a new revelation of this miracle story. When these 3 men decided to follow God with their whole heart, I don't think they ever expected that their life would be put to the test, and little did they know what awaited them in the near future. But when the time came, they held on to their faith knowing that they would be thrown in the fire.

As I'm reading this story, I've come to realize that when Jesus is the only thing in your life that's worth living, everything else will seem minute. These men lived and breathed to honor, serve, and please Jesus. When the ultimate test of faith came, they were ready (Dan. 3:17-18).

I would like to encourage you and say that when you're going through the fires of life, you are not damaged, destroyed or defeated. When God puts you through the fire, He is seeking to refine you, to build you, to show you what you are made of through Jesus. Jesus NEVER ONCE left Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's side, not one hair on their body was touched (Dan.3:26-27). Jesus was refining them into the likeness of Himself. The most beautiful part of this story is that JESUS was at the center of it all and a whole nation came to know HIM. What a beautiful victory! Allow God to become your center, your hope, your love, your peace and comfort, and your rock.

Remember, when you go through your fire, don't give up; you are not being damaged or destroyed but rather transformed into the likeness of your Creator, because in the END the WORLD will SEE JESUS. So, give thanks, because greater is He that is in you than he that is in this world.

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