

When the Heat is On, Be R.E.S.T.F.U.L

When you're forced to compromise your values!

Baker forced to bake a cake for a gay wedding. Christians are forced to Stand down their values in the guise of equal rights. Violation of religious freedoms.

Relax, God is your Defender

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you (3:16 NLT)

Entrust Yourself to God

Expect God to Save You

¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty (3:17 NLT).

Take a Stand

¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up (3:18 NLT)."

Find his Presence in Your Fire

²⁴ But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?"

"Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied.

²⁵ "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god (3:24 - 25 NLT)!"

Understand God as a Greater Plan

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this (3:28 - 29 NLT)!"

Let God Reward You

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon (3:30 NLT).

There are other cross references that can be easily selected for these points.