



# BRAVE

GOD-SIZED CONFIDENCE IN A  
POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

## TAKE NOTE – MOVE#3: OBEY GOD (DESPITE THE CONSEQUENCES)

### DISCUSS

1. Read Daniel 3. Why do you think Nebuchadnezzar built this statue, to create loyalty or to bolster his own insecurity? Other ideas?
2. Read Daniel 2:49. How might this fact have affected the way the other leaders in Babylon looked at the three Jewish leaders? What attitudes might have motivated them to go to Nebuchadnezzar, racial bias, jealousy, fear or hatred of someone different? How do these attitudes fuel persecution? Have you ever been the target of these attitudes?
3. Pastor Steve mentioned some ways the three men might have rationalized away from obedience. Name some of these or other rationalizations. Share an experience when you had some of these thoughts.
4. How would you explain “double-fisted faith”? (Verses 16-18) What is difficult about this concept?
5. God delivered the three men from certain death. Name some other times in scripture when God has delivered people. Share a time when he delivered you.
6. Some Christians claim that pain, sickness, or difficulty are always the result of sin or lack of faith. How would you respond to that claim in light of double-fisted faith and verses 16-18?
7. Why is it important to know that our faith may not always make our lives easier, but sometimes even more difficult?
8. Who do you think the fourth person in the fire was (vs 24-25)? Read Psalm 23:4. How does this promise help us face difficult times when it may not feel like we are being delivered?

### WORSHIP MOMENT

Discuss your thoughts from your SOAP Journal Exercise from last week, then read these verses from this hymn aloud and talk about what they mean to you. Spend time in prayer focusing on the truths in these verses and asking God to help you make the right moves.

*When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.*

“How Firm a Foundation.”

# SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 3

*Read: 1 Peter 4*

**S - Scripture** - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

**O - Observation** - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you "see" in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

**A - Application** - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

**P - Prayer** - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.