

REVIEW

Sadie started the session by saying, "Faithful obedience means risking our position of influence in order to demonstrate that God is worthy of following." **In what ways did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego demonstrate their belief that God was worthy even with the possibility of death?**

Our obedience to God might require risking things like our jobs, our grades, or our popularity. **When have you seen someone risk their position of influence (on a sports team, at a job, in a circle of friends, etc.) to obey God and stand firm in their convictions?**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to compromise their faith under pressure and came out victorious in the end. **In what ways have you been challenged to compromise your beliefs? What was the outcome?**

What do we reveal about ourselves when we compromise our convictions? How can compromise hinder our relationship with God?

For some of us, compromising our faith to keep popularity or position can be tempting under pressure. **In what ways have you ever felt tempted to hide your faith? What were the circumstances and how did you deal with the situation?**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego decided that they would trust and obey God, even when their lives were at stake. For some people, hiding or even denying their faith becomes a seemingly good option when faced with possible harassment or trouble. **How have you seen comfort prioritized over conviction in our culture?**

Like we saw with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, our commitment to God will often require us to choose him over our relationships, reputation, or popularity. **In what ways have you had to choose God over a relationship, your reputation, or your popularity? How did it make you feel afterward?**

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego knew they were facing harsh treatment for standing firm in their faith for God. **In the same way, we can find ourselves being**

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DEEPER WALK

Read: Read Daniel 3 in its entirety. Write down three ways Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego inspired you to be courageous under pressure.

Pray: Pray and thank God for all of the times he's comforted you during a fiery trial. Ask him to help you continue living with a grateful heart despite your circumstances.

Memorize: Memorize Sadie's statement: "We must be willing to put everything on the line—our reputation, our influence, or even our life in order to remain faithfully obedient to God."

Remind: Write out Daniel 3:17–18 on a notecard and place it somewhere you'll see it often, like your bathroom mirror or car dashboard. Use it as a reminder to trust God, even if he hasn't answered your prayers.