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**Daniel 3:16-25, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 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. 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.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. 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.” 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.”**

Just as we saw yesterday, the LORD is Lord over all. He is able to do amazing things which we can’t even understand or comprehend. These young men were much like David who was facing the giant, Goliath. They knew by faith that their God was the only true God and that He could deliver them from the fiery furnace and the hand of the king. But here is the best part of their dialogue with the king and it’s found in v. 18: **“But even if He does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”**

Their faith and resolve in their God was greater than anything that this world could throw at them. They had seen their God come through over and over again, and they believed His promise that He would never leave them or forsake them. And, He didn’t and He wouldn’t! He joined them in the midst of the furnace.

Are you facing the furnace today? Our God is bigger than any issues that you will ever face and He will go with you through the midst of the fire.

**Dear LORD, we can trust You in all circumstances. You will always overcome the forces of evil and wrong. Help us to walk in faith and trust You completely in every circumstance we face. In Jesus Name, Amen**