

Surviving in a Foreign World

Daniel 3:1-18

Introduction:

- A. Have you ever found yourself in a place that was foreign to you?
- B. All of us have spent more time in a foreign world than we realize.
- C. To survive living in a foreign world, there are a few important and key concepts we need to keep in mind.

Don't Give in to What Everyone Else is Doing (Dan. 3:1-7).

- A. The king wanted everyone to bow down to his idol (Exo. 20:3-5).
- B. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were placed in a pressure situation (Rom. 12:2)
- C. It's easy for us to commit sin, when others around us are giving in (I Cor. 15:33).

Don't Allow Your Circumstances to Determine Your Obedience (Dan. 3:8-12).

- A. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego didn't back down from their devotion to God even in the face of a blazing furnace.
- B. Obedience to God has nothing to do with our convenience.
- C. Decide now that you will be faithful to God no matter your circumstances (Psa. 119:44).

Don't Make Your Life About You; Make it About God (Dan. 3:13-18).

- A. The Hebrew boys defied the king to his face when they were given a second opportunity to bow down to the king's image.
- B. Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego submitted to the will of God.
- C. Our lives should be about God, not about fame, position or even security (Phil. 1:20).

Conclusion:

- A. Every day we wake up, we find ourselves living in the midst of a foreign world.
- B. Surviving in this foreign world and remaining faithful will be the difference between us enjoying peace and experiencing punishment in the life to come.
- C. Our challenge is not just to survive living in this foreign world but also to thrive while living in this foreign world.