How to Live for God's Glory

"Prepare Your Heart for Suffering" Daniel 3:1-30

How do we live for God's glory in a world hostile to His Name? We begin to prepare our hearts for the likely scenario of enduring suffering for the name of Christ. Suffering is everything from mockery to martyrdom. May we be ready to be opposed when we speak of the grace of Jesus Christ in this lost world.

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Prepare Your Heart for SufferingGetting Started

- 1. What do you think is the darkest Bible story that we tell as a children's tale?
- 2. If you had to get a tattoo tomorrow, what picture or words would it be?

Digging Deeper

- 3. The image in vs. 1 and the fiery furnace were both held as unrealistic by critics. Now we know they are both accurate for the time. What does this say about this story?
- 4. In the Hebrew Text of Daniel 3:8 it says the Chaldeans devoured the Jews in pieces. What truth do you think Daniel intended to communicate with that language?
- 5. Read Matthew 5:10-12. Why are we blessed when we endure persecution and suffering?
- 6. Read Isaiah 43:1-3. How does it help you to know that God will be with you in times of suffering?

Living It Out

- 7. How do you feel after you endure suffering in order to reach a long-time goal?
- 8. Why is important to know of the suffering Christians have endured in the early and recent history of the church?
- 9. What advice would you give to someone right before they were imprisoned for their faith?