

#1- I REALIZE God's Presence as I honestly _____ to Him!

#2- I REALIZE God's Presence as I expect Him to _____!

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted..." Psalm 34:18 (NLT)

#3- I REALIZE God's Presence as I recall _____!

{Daniel 3:27–28}

John 11:25–26 (NLT)

*"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life.
Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.
Everyone who lives in Me and believes in Me will never ever die.'"*

**WHEN FACING LIFE'S FURNACE, REMEMBER
THAT TEMPORAL _____ EVENTUALLY
GIVES WAY TO ETERNAL _____!**

1 Peter 1:6–9 (ESV)

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

"EVEN IF YOU _____, MY HOPE IS YOU _____!"
"EVEN IF" — Mercy Me



GET RID OF YOUR BARTERING FAITH
Daniel 3:1-30

TODAY'S BIG QUESTION

Do I have a _____, or a _____ faith?

{Daniel 3:12–16}

Daniel 3:17-18 (ESV)

"If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

3 Great Traits of Non-Bartering Faith

"Our GOD... _____" -v17

"He will _____" -v17

"But if not... _____" -v18

Hebrews 11:33–34 (ESV)

"...who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight."

Hebrews 11:36–37 (ESV)

“Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword...”

TODAY’S BIG IDEA:

**FAITH IS A POSTURE OF _____,
NOT A POSITION OF _____!**

Hebrews 11:8 (ESV)

“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”

“Surrender don't come natural to me. I'd rather fight you for what I don't really want than to take what you give that I need.”

HOLD ME JESUS—Rich Mullins

**Daniel 3 is not training us how to _____ the furnace,
but how we can remain faithful when _____ it!**

3 POINT STRATEGY FOR FACING YOUR LIFE FURNACES

_____ something!
_____ something!
_____ something!

Daniel 3:4–6 (ESV)

And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.”

Exodus 20:4–5 (NLT)

“You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods.”

**WHEN FACING LIFE’S FURNACE, REJECT
_____ AND WORSHIP _____!**

“If we look to some created thing to give us the meaning, hope, and happiness that only God himself can give, it will eventually fail to deliver and break our hearts.”

COUNTERFEIT GOD’S—Dr. Tim Keller

**The surest way to reject idolatry is by aligning our hearts to
continuously _____ of our Heavenly Father!**

Daniel 3:24–25 (ESV)

“Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” He answered and said, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.”

**WHEN FACING LIFE’S FURNACE, REALIZE
GOD’S _____ IN THE HEAT OF LIFE’S _____!**

Philippians 3:10 (NASB95)

“...that I may know Him [JESUS] and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings...”