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Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

EVEN IF

WHO WE SIT WITH WILL DETERMINE WHO WE BECOME

¹²But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon—**Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**—who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹³Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned **Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**. So these men were brought before the king, ¹⁴and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, “**Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego**, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?”

Daniel 3:12-14 (NIV)

WHAT WE STAND FOR WILL REVEAL WHAT WE BELIEVE

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WHAT WE WALK THROUGH WILL SHOW THE WORLD HE IS WITH US

²⁴Then 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.” ²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

Daniel 3:24-25 (NIV)

WHAT WE WALK THROUGH WILL SHOW THE WORLD HE IS WITH US

“Find you any kind of crack you can to hide in if you’re scared, but I’m walking downtown after this meeting and getting on the bus. I’m not going to look back to see who’s following me.”

- Fred Shuttlesworth, 1956

“The Lord protected me, and I had a whole congregation with me.”

- Fred Shuttlesworth, 1992

WHAT WE WALK THROUGH WILL SHOW THE WORLD HE IS WITH US

All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus. When we trust in him, we're free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go.

Ephesians 3:11-12 (MSG)