



**Commitment**  
Message 3  
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► **Outline**

*"... They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."*  
**Daniel 3:28 (NLT)**

**A. Background**

**(Daniel 3:1-12. C/R: Exodus 20:3-5)**

**B. Commitment to God includes...**

**(Daniel 3:13-30)**

1. **Encountering \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Daniel 3:13-15. C/R: John 15:19-20; 2 Timothy 3:12)**

2. **Expressing \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Daniel 3:16-18. C/R: Habakkuk 3:17-19; 1 Peter 3:14-17)**

3. **Enduring \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Daniel 3:19-23. C/R: 2 Corinthians 4:9-10;  
1 Peter 1:7; 4:12-13)**

4. **Experiencing God's \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Daniel 3:24-27. C/R: Isaiah 43:2; Matthew 10:28; Hebrews  
11:33-39; 13:5-6)**

**Result: Daniel 3:28-30**

**Answers:** 1. persecution 2. faith 3. suffering 4. presence

**Resource Information:** Unless otherwise noted, outline and onscreen verses are from NLT version (New Living Translation) of *The Holy Bible*. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.



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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide with friends or by yourself to pursue a relationship with Jesus. Check out other Bible study tools at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com), [biblestudytools.com](http://biblestudytools.com), or [bible.com](http://bible.com). Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

### Conversation Starter

Describe a time you suffered consequences for going along with the crowd.

### Opening in Prayer

*"Oh, that we might know the LORD! Let us press on to know Him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring."* [Hosea 6:3 \(NLT\)](#)

Spend a few moments in prayer, asking God to guide your time in His Word.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Daniel 3:1-12](#).

1. What would have been your thoughts if you had been standing in the crowd when the decree in [verses 4-6](#) was made?
2. What reasons might have influenced you to consider bowing down? What might have influenced you to remain standing?

Read [Daniel 3:13-18](#).

3. What does Nebuchadnezzar's statement in [verses 14-15](#) show about his thinking?
4. What does the reply of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in [verses 16-18](#) show about their thinking?
5. What were these three men sure about? What were they unsure about?

Read [Daniel 3:19-30](#).

6. How would you feel if you had witnessed these three men being thrown into the flames because of their commitment?

7. What effect did the faith of these three men have on the king? On the culture? On you?
8. The presence of God in the fire with the men was noticeable. What helps you notice the presence of God with you?
9. What do you think were the reasons behind the strong commitment these three men had to God? What are the reasons behind your commitment to God (see [1 Peter 3:15-16](#))?

### Encouragement Exercise

10. How have you seen the presence of God with someone in your group, or how has their commitment to God affected you? Share your thoughts with someone in your group.

### Soul Training

Set aside at least 10 minutes to pray. Begin by thanking God that He is with you. Ask God to put in your mind reasons you can trust Him then write them down.

### Memory Verse

*Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

[2 Timothy 3:12 \(NLT\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Habakkuk 3:17-19](#)

Day 4: [Isaiah 43:1-2](#)

Day 2: [John 15:18-21](#)

Day 5: [Hebrews 13:5-6](#)

Day 3: [1 Peter 4:12-19](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, February 17, we'll continue in the book of Daniel, with a focus on living with COURAGE. Read [Daniel chapter 4](#) to prepare.