

Emmanuel Prayer List - October

New Life Women's Home

- We praise God that a large portion of the new building has been completed by many volunteers and with support from a number of businesses.
- Recent speaking opportunities opened up allowing board members/staff to inform people about NLWH's vision, needs, and the update of the new building.

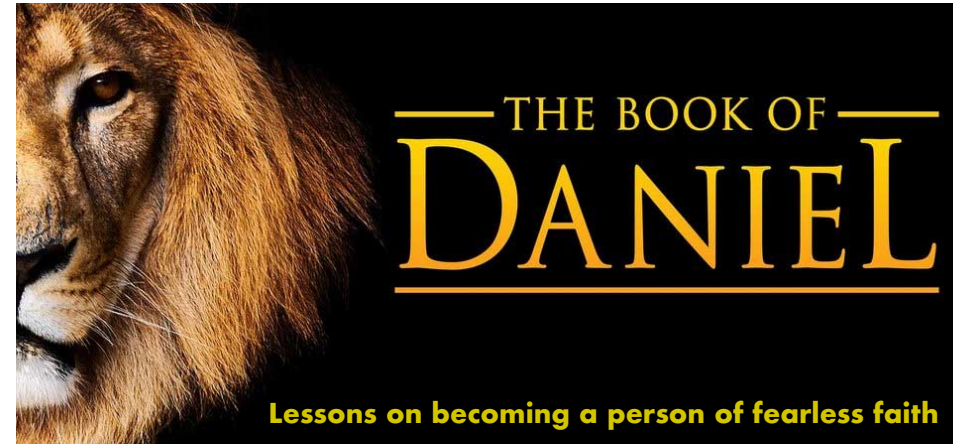
Study Continued

8. God could have set them free before being thrown into the furnace, but he didn't. Read 1 Peter 1:6-7. Why does God put us through trials?
9. The men were completely unburned, in fact the only thing that was burned were the ropes that tied them up. Are there times in your life that you have seen God work in amazing ways that set you free of something in your life?
10. The Bible, and life, is full of examples where people weren't set free from those that wanted to harm, or destroy them. Some examples would be Stephen, Paul, all of the disciples, apart from John (who died of natural causes, though was exiled on an island for years). And, of course, Jesus. When God doesn't literally set us free, or resolve our situation in the manner we had hoped, or had prayed for. How should we handle this?
11. Read Daniel 3:28-30. Was the affect of this deliverance on Nebuchadnezzar and the world in which they lived?
How does our faithfulness to God affect others?



Mother Teresa

"God has not called me to be successful, He has called me to be faithful."



"If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Daniel 3:17-18

1. Learn to stand alone - Daniel 1
2. Finding Peace and Wisdom - Daniel 2:1-28
3. Living for the purposes of God - Daniel 2:29-49
- 4. Becoming Faithful - Daniel 3**
5. The truth is still the truth - Daniel 4
6. Heed the warnings - Daniel 5
7. Be a person of integrity - Daniel 6:1-15
8. You don't need to survive - Daniel 6:13-28
9. Jesus is coming again - Daniel 7-8
10. The end of times - Daniel 9-11
11. Is your name in the book? - Daniel 12

BECOMING FAITHFUL - Daniel 3

Matthew 25:21 Well done good and _____ servant...

To be faithful means...

BECOMING FAITHFUL

Background:

Be _____: (v.1-6)

1 Peter 4:12 Dear friends, do not be _____...

Matt 13:1-23 Parable of the sower

Prepare yourself, fill yourself with the things that will produce _____

Be _____: (v.7) The pressure to _____ was immense.

Rom 12:2

Be _____: (v.8-12)

The very people that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had helped save from execution were now...

How about you, have you been let down, deeply hurt, poorly treated, misused

Do not let _____ grow in your heart.

Heb 12:15

We must get rid of any _____ of bitterness

Be _____: (v.13-15)

We must trust in God _____, in every aspect of life, whatever the cost

Be _____: (v.16-18)

Our commitment to God isn't based on what He does, but on _____

Be _____: (v.19-27)

The only thing that was burned was...

1 Peter 1:6-7 tells us that trials come to...

1. Define what it means to be 'faithful'.

2. Read Daniel 3:1-6. Nebuchadnezzar has forgotten his earlier statement about God (see 2:47) and has set up a statue that he wants everyone to worship, as an act of loyalty to himself. In the parable of the sower (Matt 13:19-23), Jesus gives four examples of what happens within the hearts of people who hear the word of God. Examine each.

What must we do to prepare our heart to be 'good soil.'

3. Read Daniel 3:7. Put yourself in the position of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The pressure to conform must have been immense. In what area's of your life do you find peer pressure hard to deal with? Also read Romans 12:2.

4. Read Daniel 3:8-12. The very people that Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had helped save from execution were now plotting to destroy them. They were bitter that Nebuchadnezzar had made them rulers over them. When we have been let down by someone, been deeply hurt, treated poorly, been misled by someone we trusted etc. it is easy to hold resentment and become bitter. We must get rid of anything in our lives that would come between us and our relationship with God. Read Ephesians 4:31-32. From these two verses, what must we do to deal with this?

5. Read Daniel 3:13-15. It seems that Nebuchadnezzar is giving them a second chance. When faced with an ultimatum like this, it would be easy to justify compromising our position and going along with the crowd. Have you ever found yourself doing that?

6. Read Daniel 3:16-18. These men knew that God could deliver them, and would deliver them, but were committed to be faithful to God even if He did not. Read Philippians 1:21, Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 3:1-4. What do these verses tell us that enable us to have the courage to be faithful regardless of the circumstances, and no matter how great the pressure?

7. Read Daniel 3:19-27. In Matthew 28:20 Jesus said, "and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." What does this tell us about the presence of God in the midst of trials?