



# In Daniel's day, counterfeit faith was rampant.

Counterfeit faith is deceptive, like fool's gold. It not only fools others but is fools those who have it.

#### DANIEL 3:16-18

16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 17 If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.

#### DANIEL 3:16-18

<sup>18</sup> But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

#### DANIEL 3:25-27

<sup>25</sup> He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

<sup>26</sup> Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

#### DANIEL 3:25-27

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, <sup>27</sup> and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

### Genuine faith shines bright when tested.

(v. 28; 1 Peter 1:3-7)

When our faith is tested, we are reminded that we are never alone in the test.

(v. 25; 1 Corinthians 10:13)

# Our God knows those who have genuine faith.

(v. 17-18; Matthew 13:43)

If your faith is tested and you come up short, learn from the loving Father, get right and grow.

### Put the Word on your heart and be ready when the test comes.

(Proverbs 3:5-7; Hebrews 11:1)

