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PROJECT42

PURE HEART CHURCH

2. In the book of Daniel, we see God's people living under foreign rule, navigating a culture that didn't share their beliefs. Daniel's friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, are put in situations that directly challenge their faith. Read Daniel 3:1–6.

- What filter do you use when you're faced with expectations or commands that don't align with your beliefs?
- Have you ever experienced tension at work or in relationships because of your convictions? How did you respond?

a. When the music plays, everyone bows—except Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. While the crowd follows along, they choose to stand out. Because of this, they're brought before the king and given one more chance: bow or face the consequences. Read Daniel 3:15–18.

- What were the stakes for them in this moment? What stands out to you about their response?
- Have you ever had to lose something or risk something because you stood firm in your faith? What did that look like for you?

b. The king becomes furious and orders the furnace to be heated even hotter. The situation escalates quickly, but what happens next goes beyond human explanation. Read Daniel 3:24–28.

- When life feels like it's turning up the heat, do you find it easy or difficult to recognize God's presence?
- Have you ever had a moment where you realized God was with you in the struggle, not just after it? What helped you see that?

3. Read Acts 1:8. We're all called to be witnesses, but that can look different in different seasons. Sometimes it's bold, verbal conversations. Other times, it's the way we live that opens the door. There's a well-known quote: "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words."

- How have your actions created opportunities to talk about your faith?
- Do you think people around you notice something different about how you live? Why or why not?

a. Being a witness isn't always easy. There can be fear, pressure, or uncertainty about what to say or do.

- What feels like the biggest challenge to being a witness in your everyday life right now?
- As a group, what truth from Scripture encourages you to live differently this week?

(Read Matthew 5:3–12, Colossians 3:17, 23, 1 Corinthians 10:31)

TAKING IT HOME:

Read Romans 10:10–15. God delights in you and rejoices that the work of His Son is alive in your life. Throughout Scripture, we see heaven celebrate when the lost are found—the sheep, the coin, & the son. In the same way, every person who turns to God is welcomed with joy. And Scripture promises: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (v.13)

Romans 10 reminds us of both the beauty and the responsibility of sharing this good news: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (v.15) Our role is simple—we share. God is the one who changes hearts. We don't have to have all the answers; we just point to what He has done in us. We were once lost, but now we are found. We were blind, but now we see.

Action Steps for This Week:

- Ask the Holy Spirit: Where can my actions speak louder than words this week?
- Pray for those who don't yet know Jesus—locally and globally.
- Ask God how you can be part of His mission through your time, awareness, resources, and gifts. (aka. Holy Spirit, where can I step into what you are already doing?)