



CORE

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How To Stand At The End Of Time

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Daniel 3

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“As the three Hebrews stood before the king, he was convinced that they possessed something the other wise men of his kingdom did not have. They had been faithful in the performance of every duty. He would give them another trial....”

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Cast Into Furnace

Christ Was Seen WITH Them In Furnace

Glory Brought To God

Daniel 3

By the deliverance of His faithful servants, the Lord declared that He takes His stand with the oppressed, and rebukes all earthly powers that rebel against the authority of Heaven. The three Hebrews declared to the whole nation of Babylon their faith in Him whom they worshiped. They relied on God.

Prophets and Kings 511.1

Daniel 3

In the hour of their trial they remembered the promise, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." Isaiah 43:2.

Prophets and Kings 511.1

Daniel 3

And in a marvelous manner their faith in the living Word had been honored in the sight of all. The tidings of their wonderful deliverance were carried to many countries by the representatives of the different nations that had been invited by Nebuchadnezzar to the dedication. Through the faithfulness of His children, God was glorified in all the earth.

Prophets and Kings 511.1

Daniel 3

Important are the lessons to be learned from the experience of the Hebrew youth on the plain of Dura. In this our day, many of God's servants, though innocent of wrongdoing, will be given over to suffer humiliation and abuse at the hands of those who, inspired by Satan, are filled with envy and religious bigotry. Especially will the wrath of man be aroused against those who hallow the Sabbath of the fourth commandment; and at last a universal decree will denounce these as deserving of death.

Prophets and Kings 512.1

Daniel 3

The season of distress before God's people will call for a faith that will not falter. His children must make it manifest that He is the only object of their worship, and that no consideration, not even that of life itself, can induce them to make the least concession to false worship. To the loyal heart the commands of sinful, finite men will sink into insignificance beside the word of the eternal God. Truth will be obeyed though the result be imprisonment or exile or death.

Prophets and Kings 512.2

Daniel 3

As in the days of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, so in the closing period of earth's history the Lord will work mightily in behalf of those who stand steadfastly for the right. He who walked with the Hebrew worthies in the fiery furnace will be with His followers wherever they are. His abiding presence will comfort and sustain. In the midst of the time of trouble--trouble such as has not been since there was a nation--His chosen ones will stand unmoved.

Prophets and Kings 513.1

Daniel 3

Satan with all the hosts of evil cannot destroy the weakest of God's saints. Angels that excel in strength will protect them, and in their behalf Jehovah will reveal Himself as a "God of gods," able to save to the uttermost those who have put their trust in Him.

Prophets and Kings 513.1

Daniel 6

Daniel's Position
Jealousy



Daniel 6

So the governors and satraps sought to find *some* charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him. Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God."

Daniel 6:4-5

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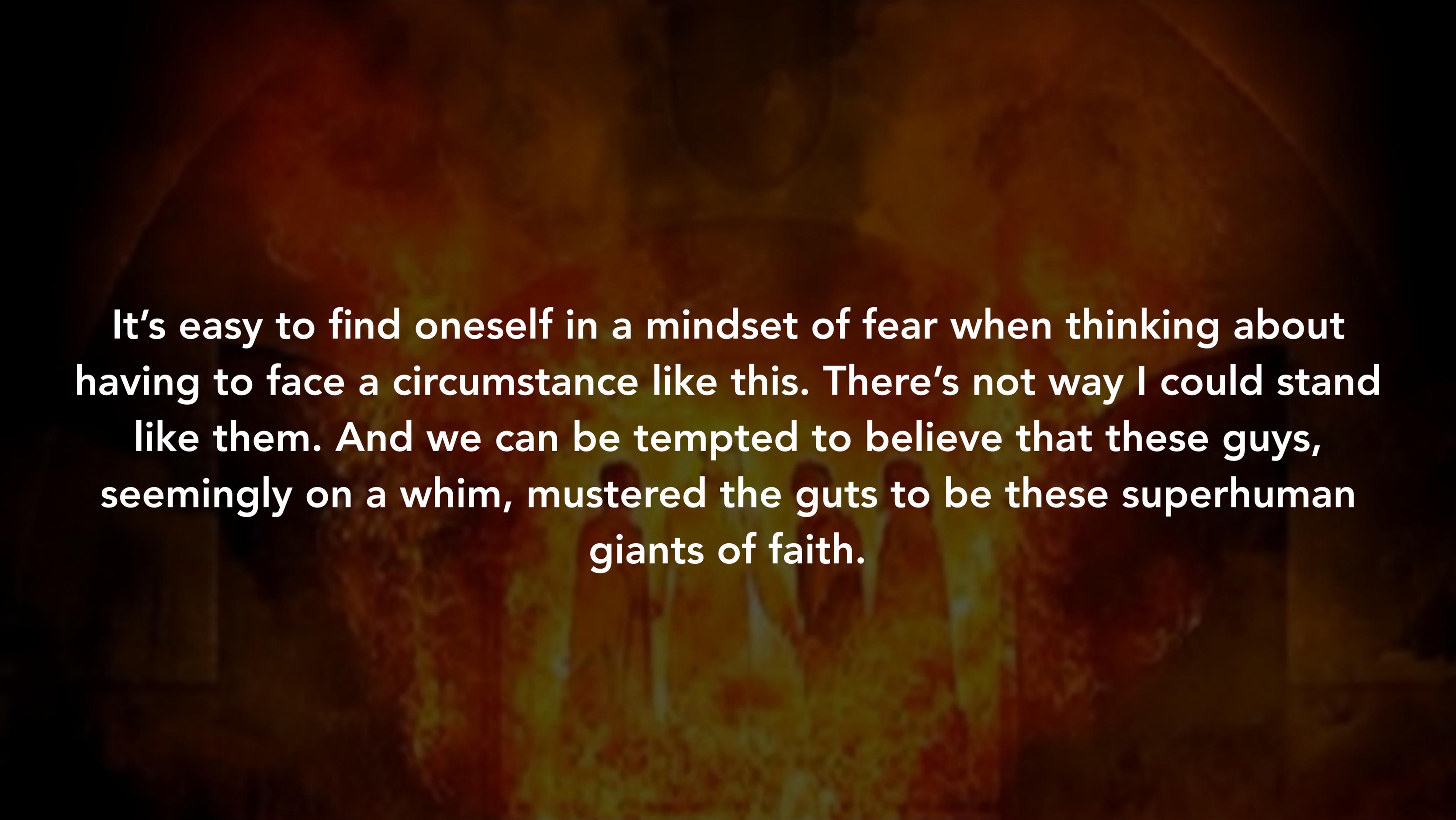
King's Regret

God's Triumph

Daniel 6

From the story of Daniel's deliverance we may learn that in seasons of trial and gloom God's children should be just what they were when their prospects were bright with hope and their surroundings all that they could desire. Daniel in the lions' den was the same Daniel who stood before the king as chief among the ministers of state and as a prophet of the Most High. A man whose heart is stayed upon God will be the same in the hour of his greatest trial as he is in prosperity, when the light and favor of God and of man beam upon him. Faith reaches to the unseen, and grasps eternal realities.

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A group of people, possibly a choir or a group of performers, standing in a line. They are silhouetted against a dark background with a warm, golden light source, creating a dramatic and atmospheric scene. The text is overlaid on this image.

It's easy to find oneself in a mindset of fear when thinking about having to face a circumstance like this. There's not way I could stand like them. And we can be tempted to believe that these guys, seemingly on a whim, mustered the guts to be these superhuman giants of faith.

Only by faithfulness in the little things can the soul be trained to act with fidelity under larger responsibilities. God brought Daniel and his fellows into connection with the great men of Babylon, that these heathen men might become acquainted with the principles of true religion. In the midst of a nation of idolaters, Daniel was to represent the character of God.

{COL 356.3}

This is just how incredibly mission minded God is. Even when He's disciplining His people for their sins He still usies the faithful among them like trojan horses to reach the heathens who have taken them captive and to reveal the true God to them. God's rod of correction sends them away to reach people they refused to try to reach when they were in prosperity.

Another thing that is clear in His dealings with His people is that He's not a racist or showing undue favor to Israel. Their call was a missional one. To show the rest of the world that you can be saved too. But they were selfish, and rebellious and when they messed up they got a whoopin' and got exiled too. Just like the nations they disposed from their land. And in the midst of that whoopin' I'll use some of you to reach these people while you're there.

How did he become fitted for a position of so great trust and honor? It was his faithfulness in the little things that gave complexion to his whole life. He honored God in the smallest duties, and the Lord co-operated with him. To Daniel and his companions God gave "knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." Daniel 1:17.

-Christ's Object Lessons 356.3}

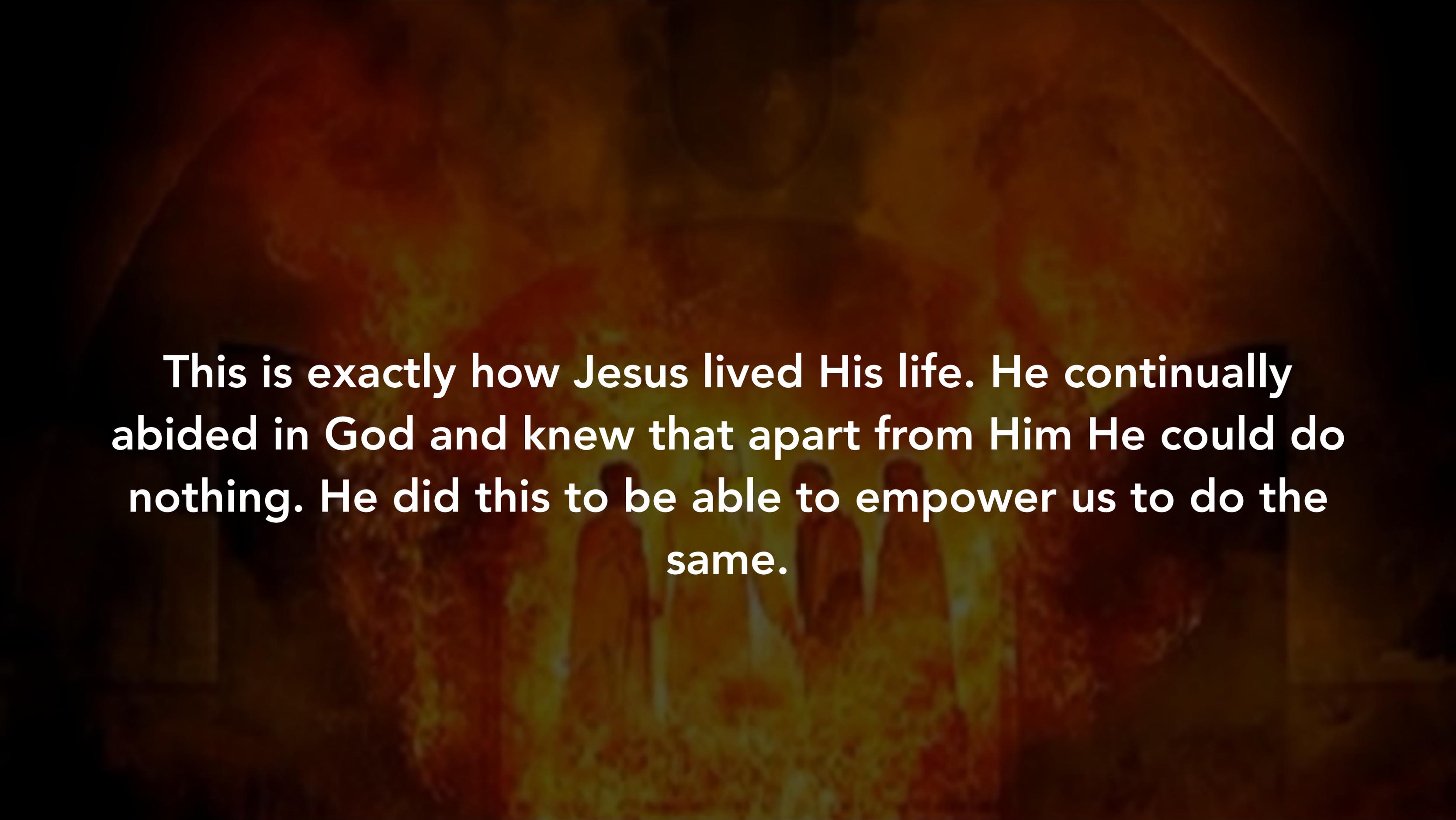
As God called Daniel to witness for Him in Babylon, so He calls us to be His witnesses in the world today. In the smallest as well as the largest affairs of life He desires us to reveal to men the principles of His kingdom.

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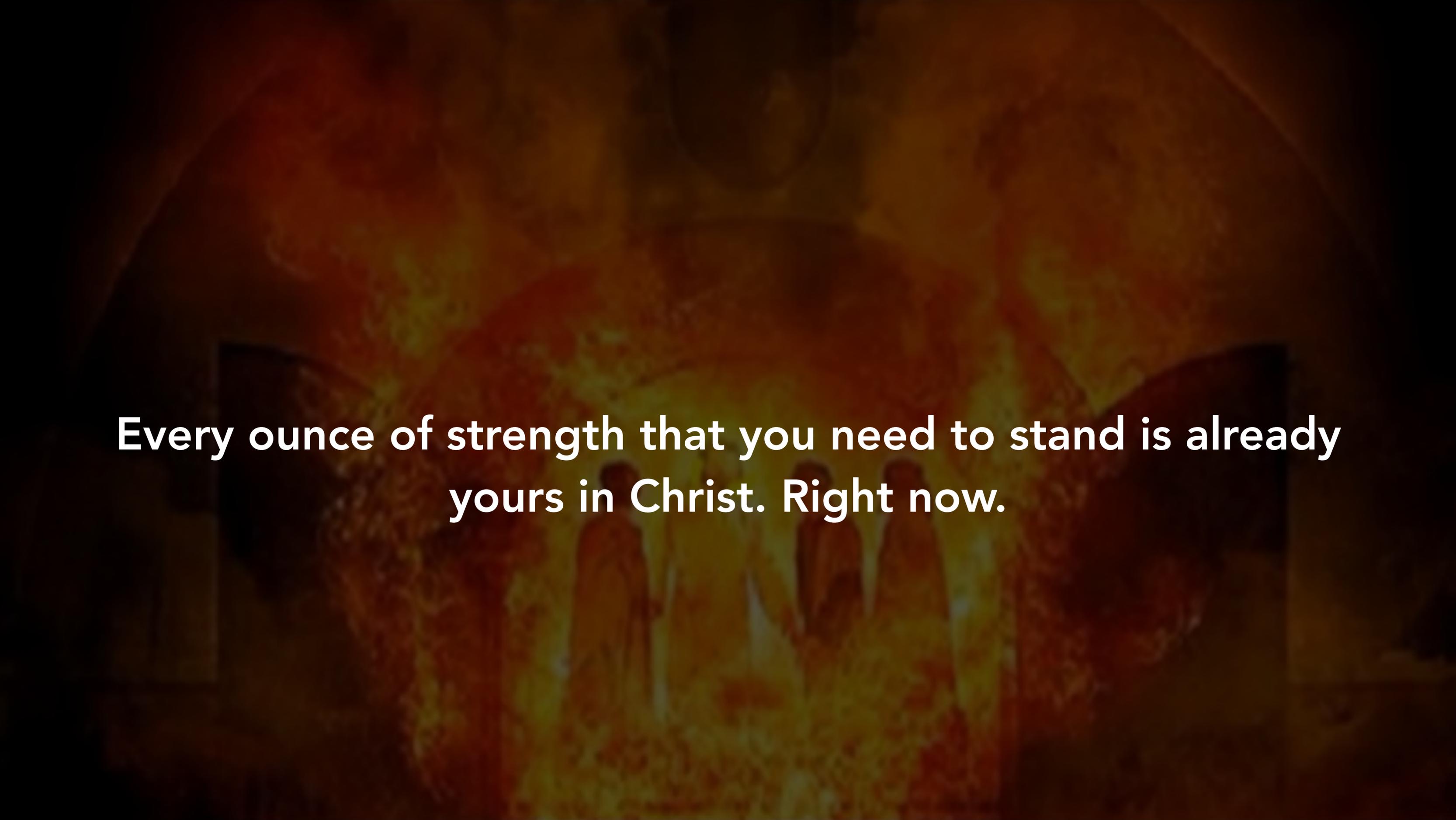
Thankfully the very things that God is asking of us He is willing to empower us to do. The weight isn't all on us. But we do need to opt in by choosing to say yes and to abide in Him.

"As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at His command may be accomplished in His strength. All His biddings are enablings."

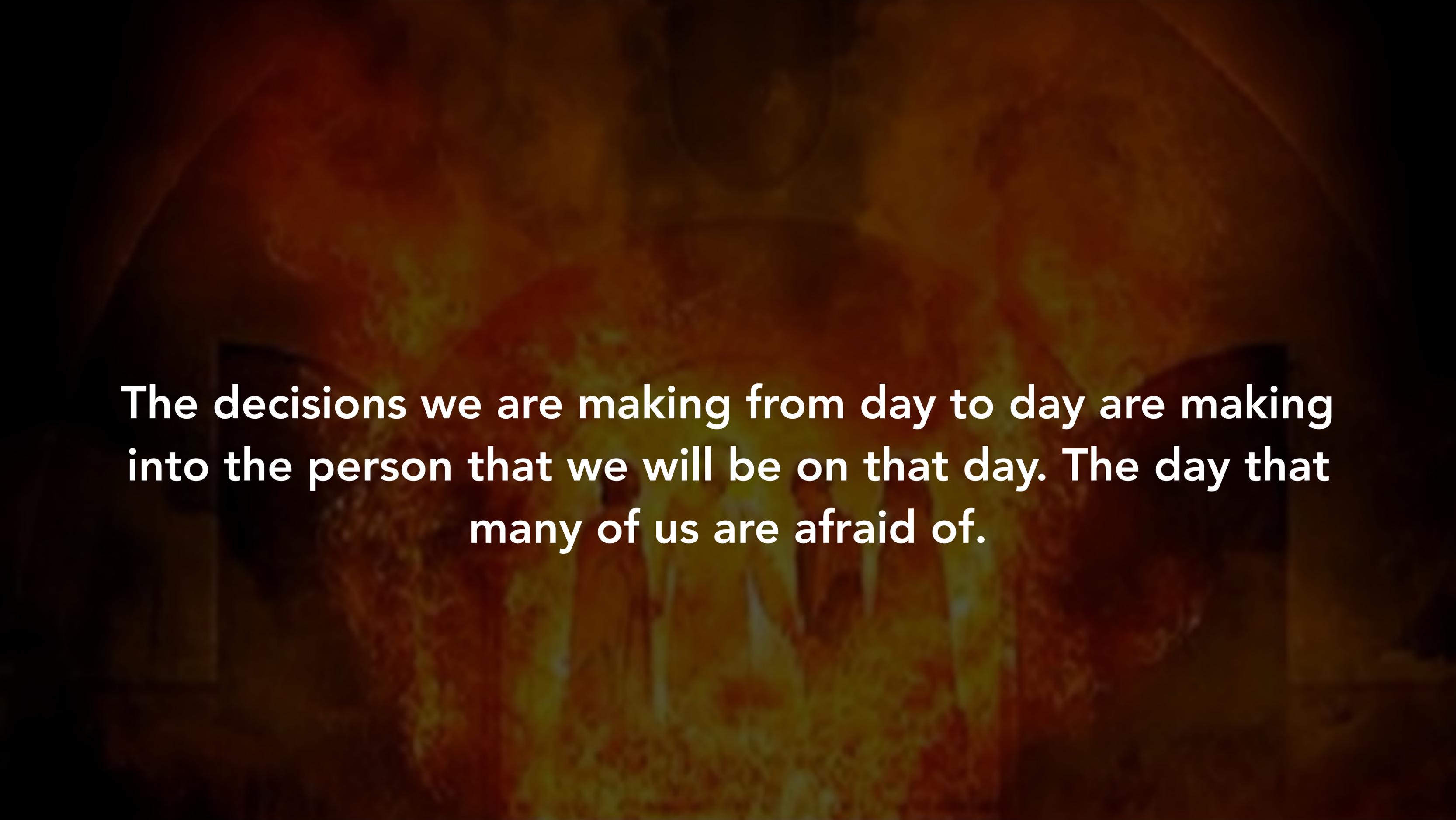
-Christ's Object Lessons 333

A group of people, including men and women, are standing in a church or sanctuary. They are dressed in formal attire, and some appear to be holding hands or participating in a service. The background features a large, colorful stained glass window with intricate designs. The overall atmosphere is solemn and reverent.

This is exactly how Jesus lived His life. He continually abided in God and knew that apart from Him He could do nothing. He did this to be able to empower us to do the same.



**Every ounce of strength that you need to stand is already
yours in Christ. Right now.**

A group of people, including children and adults, are gathered in a dimly lit room, possibly a church or a community gathering. They are standing in front of a large, colorful stained-glass window. The scene is captured in a low-key, dramatic lighting style, with the primary light source being the window behind them, creating a silhouette effect and highlighting the textures of their clothing and the intricate patterns of the glass. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

The decisions we are making from day to day are making into the person that we will be on that day. The day that many of us are afraid of.

Our Hope Of Being Able To Stand

- They didn't all of the sudden muster some magical faith
- They did as they had always done when face to face with a decision to make. They stood for Jesus
- The reason why they were able to stand then is because their day to day lives had been filled with fidelity to God and to His Word through prayerful surrender in each of their decisions

Our Hope Of Being Able To Stand

- The way that you and I can stand then is by giving God our decision today
- The decision I make today will make me into the person I will be then
- When I do that today I'm preparing for my faithfulness then

This Should Humble And Encourage Us

- **First, because God seems to place a higher value on my day to day decisions than I do**
- **Second, because God seems to have more faith in my ability to stand at the end of time than I do**
- **We wouldn't be living at that time if God didn't believe that we could**

This Should Humble And Encourage Us

- The same practical lessons can be applied to our character development
- Jesus, day by day is making you into someone you couldn't become apart from Christ
- Many people are freaked out about the idea of perfection

This Should Humble And Encourage Us

- If we yield our day to day decisions to God we don't have to be afraid anymore
- You can stand for Jesus on the plain of Dura when everyone else bows
- Because you gave Him yesterday's decisions, and the day before that, etc. You're developing a lifestyle, a habit, a train of thought that continually seeks power from God

This Should Humble And Encourage Us

- You'll be able to tell the popes and the prelates "but if not"
- This is what God wants for you
- He doesn't want you to fail, He's not setting you up to fail

This Should Humble And Encourage Us

- **The time without a Mediator. What is a Mediator?**
- **What will you do when you don't have a Mediator? The same thing you did the day before.**
- **A time will come when you won't need someone to transfer sin into the sanctuary on your behalf.**

Ice Storm

- **What happened**
- **I knew after this that God would indeed speak to His people and they will know when to leave and what to do. How? What we talked about Wednesday night. Learning how to hear the voice of God for ourselves through communion with Him. You won't argue with Him even if it sounds crazy, and you will go where He leads.**
- **If we're communing with Him and giving our day to day decisions to Him we will know what to do and where to go. We will be ready. And we will be able to help others in need as well.**

- **There's a God in heaven Who doesn't want you to be lost. Who wants you to be ready. And has everything necessary to make you ready.**
- **But the choice is ours. What will we do when given the invitation to commune with God on a daily basis? What will we do when given the opportunity to receive power from God in our day to day decisions?**

- It's not God's future decisions that we need to be afraid of. It's the decisions that we're making right now. Because those decisions are making you into who you will be then.
- God is going to give us on that day what we have been asking for in the days before.
- This is the hardest thing for God to do. To turn us over to our decisions.

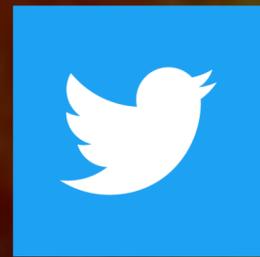
- **The power of choice matters. Satan understands this, and this is why he tempts us to place such a low estimate on our day to day decisions.**
- **God's doing everything He can to reach us, and is willing to give us everything we need, but we have to opt in.**
- **He's seeking a relationship. That's His end goal. A relationship that is fireproof.**



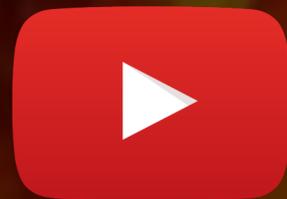
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