

How To Take The Heat!

How to Stand For God
When Things Get HOT

What Would You Say?

- Columbine Shootings; Cassie Bernall – Do you believe in God? Apr.20, 1999
- Shootings in Tabor, Alta, – Pastor’s son, April 28, 1999
- 9/11 desire to eliminate all who do not follow Islam, Sept.11, 2001
- Shootings in Virginia Tech – April 16, 2007
- Rev.13:16 tells us that a choice is coming

Daniel 3:1-13

- Nebuchadnezzar seems to fantasize about the dream of gold image he had a year before. About 588 BC
- Built on the plain for large gatherings -1
- Summoned all leadership from all provinces, nations -2-3
- Worship indicates it was religious as well as political - 4
- When the ragtime band struck up a tune, all bowed in obedient worship, except 3, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednago
- Astrologers – Probably jealous co-workers with the boys, made this a racial, anti-semitic, treasonous issue. 8-12
- In a rage, Nebby, confronts and pressures for conformity. 13-15

Why Do Some Stand When Others Fall?

- 16-18 - No hesitation. “We have no need to defend ourselves in this matter.” To the point, polite, faith.
- Your response flows from your world view.
- Everyone has a worldview.
- Our worldview is the mental and emotional filter through which we unconsciously run every decision we make.
- Our worldview allows us to make choices consistent with what we believe to be true.

How Is A Worldview Shaped?

- That FILTER is how we have organized information to understand our world
- A worldview is shaped by consciously or unconsciously deciding we want to live in a certain way.
- This input comes from family, a comment from friends, books, movies, life altering events, a look in the mirror
- The Bible must be the foundation of our information
- What are the key events in your past that shaped your worldview of the present?

Forming A Biblical Worldview

- A biblical worldview is thinking like Jesus
- Its is interpreting and responding to life in light of a biblical perspective so that every choice we make may be consistent with God’s principles and commands.
- It is simply asking the question, “What would Jesus do if he were here in my shoes right now?”
- It is not compromising to fit the world. Jhn.5:17,19,20
- What is the Father doing here, now?

4 Parts Of A Worldview

1. What is my FOUNDATION?
 - Where am I getting my information?
2. What is my FOCUS?
 - What is my life purpose? Why am I here?
3. What does my FILTER say?
 - What do my decisions show I believe?
4. Do I have FAITH to act on my decision?
 - Do we know what is right, but fail to act on it?

A Look At The Boys' Worldview

1. What was their FOUNDATION?
 - Daniel 1 and 3 shows us they knew Scripture
2. What was their FOCUS?
 - 17,18 they say, "The God we serve"
3. What does their FILTER say?
 - 17- 18, God can save! He may choose not to, but death is better than denying our God.
4. Do they have FAITH to act on their decision?
 - We will not serve or worship your gods.

A Look at Our Worldview

1. One of the killers from Columbine wrote, "If this is the land of the free, how come I can't deprive a person of their possessions if he leaves them in plain site in his van?"
2. Recent survey of 1000 Americans – 51% claimed to have a biblical world view. Further questions showed roughly 6% genuinely do
3. Millennials 44% claim 4%; Gen xers – 53% / 6%; Baby Boomers – 54% / 8%; over 75 – 62% / 8%
4. 2017 46% Godly worldview of which 10% lived godly

A Look At The Boys' Worldview

1. What was their FOUNDATION?
 - They had a solid understanding of Scripture
2. What was their FOCUS/ Purpose?
 - They would have said it was "To serve God"
3. What did their FILTER say?
 - God can save, He may choose not to, but, it is better to choose death over denying our God.
4. Did they have FAITH to act on decision?
 - With a God I can count on, I am not fearful and I can step out in faith

What is Your Worldview?

1. What is your FOUNDATION?
 - Where am I getting my information?
 - The Holy Spirit – Scripture, prayer,
2. What is my FOCUS?
 - Why am I here? What is my purpose?
3. What does my FILTER say?
 - What do my decisions show I believe?
4. Do I have FAITH to act on my decision?
 - Do we know what is right and act on it?