

## WALKING THROUGH FIRE

The Presence of God in Difficult Times

## OUR GOD IS ABLE

- A BOLD stand begins with a firm faith
- 12- When you swim against the flow, people will lie about you.
- 15 – Neb. View of reality
- 16 – God will give you what you need to say in the moment of trial – Matt.5:38; Mk.13:11
- A firm faith KNOWS God is able
- A firm faith knows God may not



## 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 that decision?
  - With a God I can count on, I can step out in faith confident in His presence, no matter what happens

## ANGER HAS A COST

- ▶ 18- Neb not used to having people say "No"
- ▶ 19- filled with fury, his expression changed
- ▶ I'm not sure how you make fire hotter
- ▶ 20 - They were Bound by Mighty men
- ▶ 21- Cast by mighty men
- ▶ 22- The victims were the executioners

- Our God Is Able
- Anger has a cost
- God Used Evil For His Glory
- Fire Is for Purification and Punishment
- Is Your confidence in Christ, Alone?



## GOD USED EVIL FOR HIS GLORY

- ▶ 24 –The Fire was their deliverance
- ▶ The Fire revealed the Presence of God
- ▶ God walks with us through the valley of death. Ps.23
- ▶ 25 - The fire revealed we have a Personal God
- ▶ 27- The fire revealed the Power of God – unbound, unhurt, unsinged, untouched, no smell
- ▶ Yahweh was glorified in the eyes of all the leadership from the entire country. They were shown that Jehovah is the God who can rescue (15) from the hand and fire of the king!
- ▶ 30- The boys were promoted, given greater authority

**FIRE IS FOR PURIFICATION AND PUNISHMENT**

- ▶ 1Pet.4:12 Sever testing called "fiery trial" considered normal in early church
- ▶ 1Pet.1:6-7 testing by fire proves the our faith is genuine
- ▶ Jude 21-25 – evangelism is considered "snatching them out of the fire"
- ▶ 2 Thess.1:7b-10- Fire is the eternal destruction for those who do not obey the gospel
- ▶ We have all be sentenced to fire destruction but can be saved by putting our faith in the Lord Almighty.
- ▶ Christ descended into Hades to lead on high those who had previously placed their confidence in HIM.
- ▶ We are all sentenced to Hell fire. The only way to avoid it is by putting your confidence in the salvation Yahweh offers us through Christ