

THE CHOICES LEGENDS ARE MADE OF

The Ultimate Choice

The fires of life expose what we're made of. When the pressure rises, will we protect our comfort and reputation or remain faithful when it costs us?

Discussion Questions:

1. How does the desire to be liked or respected influence your decisions?
2. Which of the pressures feels most personal to you—success, comfort, approval, or power?
3. If someone observed your week, what would they conclude you're most committed to protecting or preserving? That is, what's your "ultimate"?
4. Read **Daniel 3:16–18** aloud.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. 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. 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."

What about their response stands out to you most?

5. Read **Hebrews 12:1–2** aloud.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

What do you think it means to "throw off what hinders" and fix your eyes on Jesus in a pressure-filled culture? What might be hindering you right now?

6. What conversation, boundary, or act of integrity have you been avoiding because it feels costly? What's one step you can take toward it?