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When Have You Had to Stand Alone?

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READING 1

Read Daniel 3:14–18

Commentary

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego face the king's threat. Their answer: our God is able to deliver us, but even if He does not, we will not serve your gods. Faith includes both confidence in God's power and surrender to His will. Standing alone sometimes means risking everything without a guaranteed rescue.

1. What do these three men refuse to do, and what is their reason?

2. How do they hold together both faith that God can deliver and acceptance that He might not?

3. Why is the "but if not" part of their answer so important?

READING 2

Read Daniel 3:19–25

Commentary

They are thrown into the furnace heated seven times hotter. Yet a fourth figure appears, and they walk out without even the smell of fire. God does not always keep His people from the fire; sometimes He joins them in it. Presence in the trial can be greater than escape from it.

4. What happens when these men stand alone for their faith?

5. What does the fourth man in the fire teach us about God's presence in suffering?

6. How does this story redefine what "deliverance" can look like?

READING 3

Read 1 Corinthians 16:13–14

Commentary

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Standing firm is a mark of maturity, but it must be joined to love. Courage without love becomes harshness; love without courage becomes compromise.

7. What four commands does Paul give in verse 13?

8. When have you had to stand alone for what was right? What was the cost and the result?

9. Where might God be calling you to stand firm right now, even if you stand alone?