

Sermon Title: Kingdoms & Kings: Bow Down

Scripture: Daniel 3:1-18

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- 1. Have you ever been in a position where you had to make a decision between your values and outside pressure?
- 2. Think about examples of true faith you have witnessed. How would you describe the characteristics of true faith?
- 3. As Daniel 2 ends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego are promoted "over the affairs of the province of Babylon" (2:49). Daniel 3 shows how quickly emotions and feelings can turn. Have you ever felt this way? Have you been on the receiving end of this change? Has this been true from someone in authority in your life?
- 4. The dream of Daniel 2 is about a king, his kingdom, and a statue that reveals the kingdoms to come. Does this have any influence on Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold in Daniel 3?
- 5. Nebuchadnezzar used music to get people to worship the idol. In what ways is music used today to build our allegiances to something or someone?
- 6. How do you respond to music/worship in church? What encourages you to worship? Is there anything that has a negative effect?
- 7. Does your response to church music or worship differ from how you respond to other music? Which receives your greatest response?
- 8. What do you think made the difference between the Hebrews who fell down and worshiped the old and the three who didn't?
- 9. While it may not be an idol, there are ways that we can be asked to compromise with our culture if we are going to fit in with the general public. How have you seen this to be true?
- 10. We are not often faced with the same consequences that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were. How do you think it would feel to make a choice of faith you knew could very easily result in your own death?
- 11. Let's read Daniel 3:16-18. How can we have the same resolve of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?