

**Extraordinary Living: Lessons in Faith from
Ordinary People**
“Obedience Despite Harm”
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1. If we follow Jesus the kingdoms will _____

Daniel 3:4-5 “Then a herald shouted out, “People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king’s command!”⁵ When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar’s gold statue.⁶ Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” (NLT)

- Jesus warned His followers of this _____
John 15:19 “The world would love you as one of its own if you belonged to it, but you are no longer part of the world. I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.” (NLT)

I Peter 4:12 “Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.” (NLT)

*I Peter 4:4 “Of course, your former friends are **surprised** when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you.” (NLT)*

- We must constantly remember which _____ we belong to
I chose you to come out of the world, so it hates you.”

2. The worldly kingdom demands _____

Daniel 3:12 “But there are some Jews—Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego—whom you have put in charge of the province of Babylon. They pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They refuse to serve your gods and do not worship the gold statue you have set up.” (NLT)

Daniel 3:15 “I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments.¹⁵ But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power?” (NLT)

- The world demands we embrace it’s _____
I John 2:15-16 “ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.” (NLT)
- The world threatens _____ if we are in violation of it’s values

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3. **The extraordinary is the result of obedience** _____

Daniel 3:16-18 “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn’t, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” (NLT)

- This type of obedience appears _____ to the world
*I Cor. 1:18 “The message of the cross is **foolish** to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God.” (NLT)*
- This type of obedience releases the _____ in our world
“...it is the very power of God.”

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Discussion Questions:

1. Share how you feel and experience the clash of kingdoms in your daily life.
2. How does remembering which kingdom you are a part of help when the kingdoms clash?
3. How have you experienced the world demanding you bow to its values? Have you ever felt as if you are threatened with negative consequences if you do not bow?
4. These three Hebrew men were willing to die for their convictions. What consequences would we endure for following Jesus in this world? Do we still follow even when there are negative consequences for obedience? Discuss this struggle.
5. Although this type of obedience seems foolish to the world, why is it the very power of God? Why does the world need to see the power of God displayed?

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