



TALK IT OVER

Fire Tested

BOTTOM LINE

God will deliver us one way or another. Either way, we win.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Where is the place in the world that you like the climate the most? When is it too hot for you outside? What temperature do you like to keep your house?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Dr. Charles Stanley](#) on living by conviction

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. 1 Peter 4:12-13 NIV

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. Daniel 3:18 NIV

“The opposite of conviction is compromise. Compromise is easy, the popular thing to do, what feels right. It is pretending to believe in something you do not really believe in, but you go along because its popular. Conviction is usually difficult, lonely, and does not feel easy.”
– Dan Wigton

“Sometimes God delivers us from the fire, and our faith is built. Sometimes God delivers us through the fire, and our faith is refined.”
– Dan Wigton

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Every follower of Jesus is tempted to compromise. Where are you pressured to bow down? How do you stand up for truth when alone and the attacks are coming fast and furious? What is it about having unshakeable convictions that lead to confidence? How is a genuine testimony better than winning an argument? What are the dangers of claiming you know what God is going to do? How can you adopt the “and if not” attitude and confidence? “Just because God can perform a miracle doesn’t mean He will.” Reflect and discuss. The men found freedom in the fire—have you experienced learning in the fire? Share. “God allows the fire for our good and His glory.” How can knowing that help you?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will be confident in God’s power to deliver me one way or another. I will build my faith and trust and pray daily that God will use my trust in Him to impact the world.

My Action Step: _____