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WHO MISSED JESUS BECAUSE OF ME?

There are three men in history who had all the toys, status and prestige they could desire. And in Babylon this was a big deal because these men were Jews, not looked upon as the epitome of society. These men had attained positions that most Jews wouldn't even dream about! After all, the rest of the Jews were in captivity! King Nebuchadnezzar saw the potential in these three, in spite of the fact that they were Jews, and allowed them to have special positions over Babylon.

In Daniel 3 we see King Neb building an idol (wonder if it looked like him?) that he wanted all to worship. When the day came for this "group bow" to King Neb's idol, and there were three left standing, the snitches in the group went and ratted on Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. You know there's ALWAYS a bunch who'll do it!

Shad, Shack and Abie had made a proclamation to King Neb as to who they would worship, and no, it wasn't going to be his golden idol. No one or nothing was going to make them bow to anything or anyone other than their God. Their faith was so strong in their God, and their loyalty to Him so unwavering that not even the threat of a horrible death by burning could deter them. They told the King,

O 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 save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if He does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up. Daniel 3:16-18.

What did they have to lose? EVERYTHING! . . . the good life and life itself! And yet these three men were willing to lose it all if it meant staying true to their God. These men also knew that God could choose

to NOT spare them. Faith does not always mean Victory! What WAS important was their faith and obedience to serve God regardless of the cost.

Now King Neb was furious, to put it mildly. Here was a man with great power, pride and a real mean temper! After all, it was he who gave Daniel the authority to put these men in their high positions over Babylon. And now they defied the king! The Bible says he was filled with rage and fury so much so that he ordered the furnace to be turned up seven times more



than usual and he ordered his strongest men (probably his personal bodyguards) to bind these three and throw them in the furnace. Shad, Shack and Abie were bound in their coats, their trousers, their turbans, and their other garments. King Neb was in such a hurry to kill these men he didn't even have them stripped for their execution as was the custom. As they were tossed into the furnace, because of the intensity of the heat, the bodyguards were killed.

But God found favor with His faithful ones and saw

their loyalty, love, and dedication to Him. Their faith was so strong, they **KNEW** their God would show His glory in their life or through their death. Not only did their God preserve their lives, but He showed Himself to the King! That's what it's all about: showing God to the lost so that they have the opportunity to know Who He is and accept Him as Savior . . . and He uses each one of us to show Himself through as we give Him permission to do so.

He (King Neb) said, *Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like the Son of God.* Daniel 3:25

Shad, Shack and Abie's "Boss" saw the Son of God and gave Him Praise! Even the King's hottest fire was no match for God. The three came out unharmed, unsinged and with no evidence of ever being in the furnace. The only thing that was burned were the ropes that bound them, and they were left in the furnace when the men emerged.

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, *Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in Him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.* Daniel 3:28

The King then added his own protection:

Therefore I decree that the people of any nation or language who say anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego be cut into pieces and their houses be turned into piles of rubble, for no other god can save in this way. Daniel 3:29

Remember the snitches? You don't think, given the chance, they'd bad mouth our God? The King was impressed and Shad, Shack and Abie were then promoted! But that reward didn't even come close to the level they earned with God that day!

Wherever we look, walk, live, play, or work there are idols. Some we recognize . . . many we don't.

Some of us see our boss as a "god" in control expecting obedience and loyalty because he has the power, and he signs the checks. Some of us put our family before God: Jr.'s little league game on Sunday; Sissy's dance rehearsal on Wednesday night. Our big toys such as cars, bass boats, bikes and RV's have better care and maintenance plans than we have for our very bodies. Financial status and position in the community and church are guarded and protected better than our lives. But did we ever stop to think that our desires might cost a lost soul to miss God?

So, what do I worship and where is my obedience? What has gotten in my way to higher ground with God, my King? Who is missing the Savior because of me? Can He count on me for righteousness? Am I willing to sacrifice my "plans, agendas and stuff" to show my obedience and love? And am I willing to get in that furnace and be with Jesus so that the

lost can see Him?

We need to get real with God. We need to be the men and women He expects us to be.

Can you imagine the smile on His face when you stand tall and make your proclamation to serve Him?



Bring joy to the heart of our God Who loves you more than life itself.

AFTER ALL, HE GAVE HIS LIFE TO SAVE YOURS.



VICTORY REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise . . .

For the well attended Revivals and the many souls that were won for the Kingdom this past month.

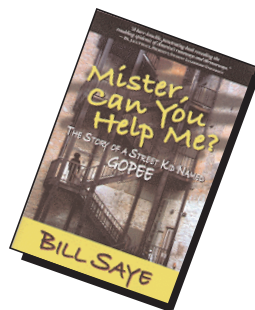
Prayer Requests

- Bro. Al Norris - Evangelist - for continued healing and strength
- Jeffers family - health and provision
- For those in rehab overcoming addiction
- Jail and prison ministers who bring the word of God to the "unreachable"
- Kandy Kane Christian Day Care and School and Central Heights Christian School - finances and increased enrollment
- increased membership to our CD of the Month Club - it helps us put books in our schools and prisons
- Judy - A son in prison
- Bill Smith - knee replacement
- Barbara Boyd - heart health
- Johnny Boyd - infection in foot.

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- Our Youth
- Revival in our land
- The Safety of our Troops
- Our Nation
- Our President
- The Peace of Jerusalem



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Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; Eph. 6:18
