

On the Plain of Dura

American Idol, The Voice, The Masked Singer—which do you like best?

Read Daniel 3:1-30.

1. Why did Nebuchadnezzar build the statue on the Plain of Dura?
 - A. He wanted everyone to worship together.
 - B. He wanted everyone to worship him.
 - C. This was in direct contradiction to the dream in Daniel 2.
 - D. The music would be awesome.
 - E. To test the faithfulness of the Jewish captives.
 - F. To test his power over his entire realm.
 - G. This would be his legacy—to leave a name for himself.
 - H. God told him to do it.
 - I. Other.

2. What do you sacrifice if you don't fit in a large group?
 - A. Nothing.
 - B. Friendship.
 - C. Safety.
 - D. Popularity.
 - E. Being talked about.
 - F. Isolation.
 - G. Others thinking they are better than you.
 - H. Getting labeled as “weird.”
 - I. Other.

3. What ~~things~~ influences us enough to make us “bow” or “worship”?
 - A. Fashion.
 - B. Music.
 - C. Friends—our peer group.
 - D. Social media, and social media challenges.
 - E. Our phones.
 - F. Parents and teachers.
 - G. Sports.
 - H. God.
 - I. Other.

4. Why did the three Jewish friends trust God would deliver them?
 - A. They were willing to take a great risk.
 - B. They had tremendous faith.
 - C. They prayed about it.
 - D. They were scared since God hadn't always answered their prayers.
 - E. It started with little things that built their trust in God.
 - F. They had nothing to lose as captives in Babylon.
 - G. They leaned on past experiences.
 - H. Other.

5. What does it mean to worship?
 - A. Anything that has to do with God is worship.
 - B. Whatever takes the majority of your time is what you worship.
 - C. Wherever you invest the majority of your talent(s).
 - D. What you spend your money on indicates what you worship.
 - E. Going to church.
 - F. Going to a concert.
 - G. Having a crush on someone can be a form of worship.
 - H. Praise and posture indicate who or what you worship.
 - I. Other.

6. What are "times of trouble" from which God can deliver you?
 - A. Passing a test.
 - B. "Friends" talking about you behind your back.
 - C. Praying and not getting the answer you want.
 - D. Family stress and breakups.
 - E. Depression.
 - F. Financial pressures.
 - G. Negative self-talk ~~from~~ about one's body image.
 - H. Other.

7. What can give you the confidence to face your "time of trouble" like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego did together?

8. What "times of trouble" have you already experienced in your life? What "time of trouble" are you experiencing now? How will God see you through your next "time of trouble"?