



New International Version is used for questions

1. Read Daniel 1-30. What is valor? Is there any person that comes to your mind who you think has shown valor in the past? Who? Have you ever been in a situation where you were able to show valor? Do you think Christians need to show valor? Can you think of any examples in the Bible outside of the book of Daniel where people showed valor?
2. Do you think Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego showed valor? What is the significance in what they said in verses 16-18? Is bravery only needed when physical danger is imminent? What are some examples of Christians who showed bravery in the past when it was not physical danger they were facing? What are some situations when we might need to display valor when it is not physical danger we are in?
3. Pastor Rick said that one thing that causes Christians to have a lack of valor are the idols we maintain. What are the 6 that he mentioned? Can you think of any others? What would be the definition of an "idol" in our lives?
4. Read Romans 5:3-5. What does it mean to choose character over comfort? Has there ever been a time when you chose character over comfort? What was the situation? How did the men in this story choose character over comfort? If God had not delivered them, do you think their decision to not do what the king wanted would have been foolish? Why or why not?
5. What 3 things must we do to be confident that God will meet us in the fire? Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. What promise does God give us in regard to the trials that we will face and have to show valor?

## **Answers**

1. *The dictionary definition of valor is strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to encounter danger with firmness: personal bravery.*
2. *In verses 16-18 they showed that they did not know if God would keep them from dying so this shows they were willing to die in order to not be unfaithful to God, which is the ultimate example of valor. The danger a person might be in is not always physical danger, it can be danger of losing a job, or losing friends, etc. All throughout the history of the church Christians have taken stands for God when it was not necessarily physical danger they were in. Examples of this would be the people of the reformation who took a stand for the truth against the Roman Catholic church in the middle ages, although many of them went to prison because of their valor. Examples today might be people who face ridicule for their willingness to stand up for what they believe.*
3. *The six he mentioned are: a. Materialism; b. Technology or social media; c. Relationships; d. Fame and recognition; e. Personal comfort and security; and f. Entertainment. An idol in our lives would be anything that we place a higher priority on other than Jesus.*
4. *To choose character over comfort is any time a person chooses to do the right thing and by doing the right thing it gives them some type of discomfort, it makes the uncomfortable. It could be as simple as getting less sleep in order to attend church or as great as death in order to do the right thing.*
5. *The 3 things are: a. Seek God's presence; b. Trust His promises; and c. Embrace His comfort. 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us that God will never allow anything to happen to us that we cannot handle if we are willing to choose character over comfort and display valor. He always provides a way to overcome it, but it may not be the comfortable thing to do.*