

# GOD DELIVERS EXILES

Daniel 3 – The whole Chapter.

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

When exiles live to please God, no matter what happens to us in this world, God is with you in it, and delivering you out of it.

## 1. The Pressure to Please Man is Real, but Conviction Overrides Consequence.

Daniel 2, 3:1-16, Exodus 20:3-6

What are the greatest pressures you currently experience in your life to conform to this world?

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In what ways are you tempted to base your actions on consequence rather than conviction?

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## 2. Pleasing God in This World Does Not Mean Evading Suffering.

Daniel 3:16-18,28, 1 Peter 4:12-17, Luke 12:4-7, 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

How would you describe a biblical doctrine of suffering? Does it match your normal thinking?

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How do you think the church should encourage each other in our suffering?

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## 3. Man's Retribution May be Fierce, But God's Deliverance is Final.

Daniel 3:24-29, Luke 21:10-19, Revelation 20:15

How can you describe your confidence that God WILL deliver you from any real harm?

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## Church Announcements

- Sunday School 8:30am
- Wednesday study and prayer 7pm (prayer time following study)
  - Discussing Ephesians 1
- A quick meeting for members and regular attenders after church this morning.

## Special Request

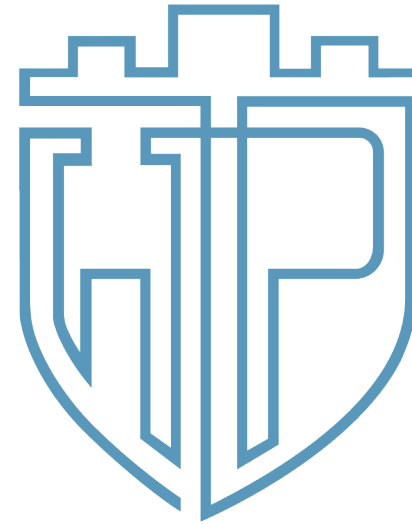
- Pray for Charles Hadaway recovering from cancer surgery.
- Pray for God's church to be united in Christ.
- Pray for the Rillos as they settle back into life in the USA.

## Giving Information

**Traditional Giving:** A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

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