Series: The Prophecy of Daniel <u>Title</u>: The Stand of Faith <u>Text</u>: Daniel 3

I. <u>Introduction</u>:

A. Time Frame: (Vs 1) B. Force Compliance: (Vs 2-7) (Jn 3:19) (Matt 7:13) (Heb 11:1-2, 6)

Peter tells us that it normal for our faith to be tested. (1 Pet 1:7)(1 Pet 4:12-16)

II. Faith ON Fire:

- A. True Faith doesn't Camouflage: (Vs 8-12)
 - **1.** It is Conspicuous: (Matt 5:14-16)(Rom 12:2) (1 Peter 2:9-10)
 - We are the People Of God: (2 Cor 6:16) Shows Ownership and Identity: (Jer 7:23) (Jn 8:31) Called by His name: (2 Chr 7:14) Embody His Character: (Phil 2:2-8)

B. True Faith doesn't Camouflage: (Vs 8-12)

1. It Confronts Evil & Brings God Glory: (Matt 5:16)

III. Faith Under Fire: (Vs 13-18)

A. True Faith doesn't Compromise: It Confesses the Lord: (1 Pet 2:19-20)

We are to Stand Out, Even if We Stand Alone (Ex 20:3,5-6) B. True Faith doesn't Compromise: It Carry's Through: (Vs 16-17) (1 Pet 4:12-19) Suffering for Righteousness (Vs 18) "And If NOT" (Job 13:15) (1 Pet 2:19-20) (Phil 1:19-20)

What if God Doesn't choose to Miraculously deliver you? (Heb 11:32-40) (Vs 32-35a) The Miraculous Deliverances: Upside of Faith (Vs 35b-40) The Murderous Deliverances: Downside of Faith

- IV. <u>Faith In the Fire</u>: (Vs 19-25) True Faith doesn't Capitulate: (Vs 19-20) (Job 23:10) It Confirms the Promises: (Is 43:1-2)
- V. <u>Faith Out of the Fire</u>: (Vs 26-30) True Faith doesn't Concede: It Confounds the Pagans: (1 Pet 3:15-17)

How Strong is Your Faith? How Confident are you in God's Character?