

A horizontal band of fire, with flames extending upwards and downwards from a central line. The text "when you walk through the fire" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the fire band.

when you walk through the fire



Introspection | | Accusation

Daniel 3:14-18

Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good.



Daniel 3:14-18

But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king...



Daniel 3:14-18

"O King, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship your golden image."



When God does not save from the fire

- Good life does not save us from suffering
- God is not the author of suffering
- God enters our fire
- Our suffering has purpose



Our suffering has purpose

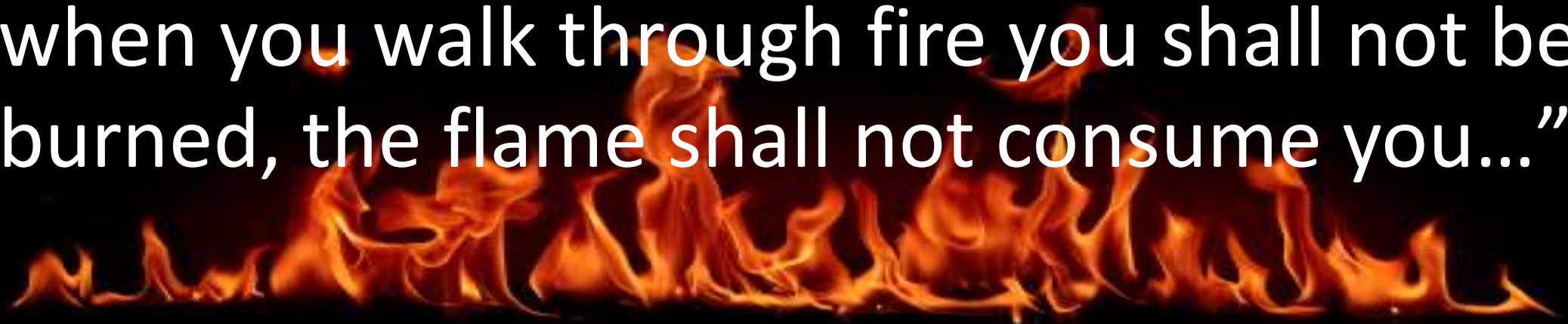
- your promotion
- God's megaphone
- intimacy with God
- clarifies perspective
- gain compassion



Taking it home: comfort

Isaiah 43:1-2

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you... when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, the flame shall not consume you...”



Taking it home: hope

Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”



Taking it home: prepare your heart

Daniel 3:17-18

“If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king... but even if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods...”

