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“Trial by Fire”

Sometimes in the crucible of life we face “trial by fire.” This was literally the fate of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego as they refused to worship the golden statue god of King Nebuchadnezzar. The enraged king had them bound and thrown into the fiery furnace.



Much like the words of Jesus in our Gospel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego each refused to be “*a slave of sin,*” accepting severe punishment in the Flesh rather than betray their God. But, as Jesus said, “*if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free.*” Miraculously, a fourth person was seen in the flames, looking like “*a son of God,*” the four of them walking around unharmed. King Nebuchadnezzar was amazed, lauding the three men’s faith and blessing their God.

Sometimes the pressures of life are immense, coercing us toward sin. In these times, stay true to Christ and the teachings of His Church, knowing He is with you through it all. Even if He allows you to be thrown into the fiery furnace, you are by no means alone: His Peace will always accompany you in your “trial by fire.”