



## Where do we find Jesus in the story?

[Nebuchadnezzar] said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." – Daniel 3:25

### 5) Failed to commit the only failure that has eternal consequences

<sup>28</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."

### But what if I really have failed?

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. – 2 Corinthians 7:10-11

### Next Steps

**Secure (for Women).** Join us in September for a two-week quest for real, lasting, soul-deep security. *Contact Karen Croy (karenc@ctkbellingham.com or x237).*

**Stand Firm (for Men).** Struggling with inappropriate personal choices that are costing you big time in your relationships? Join us this September to find freedom. *Contact Everett Robinson (everttleads@msn.com or 360-380-9001).*

**Living the Real Christian Life (for Men and Women).** Join Karolyn Merriman this September and dig deep into the realities of walking with Jesus that can lead to real-life transformation. *Contact Jayne Doll (x272 or jayned@ctkbellingham.com).*

### Small Group Questions

- 1) Did you win any trophies or ribbons as a kid? What was the award for? Do you still have it?
- 2) How would you define failure? Share your personal feelings on this question: Is failure always a bad thing?
- 3) Make a list of things that the world demands that you bow down to in order to just "do life" in the modern world. (For example: being driven, career before family, compromising, etc.)
- 4) Share a time in your life when you stood up to pressure and did not compromise. If you're comfortable, also share a time when you caved in to the pressure as well as what you learned through that experience.
- 5) The three men showed extreme faith when they said, "And even if God does not..." (verse 18). Why do you think it is so difficult to live a life a faith that is willing to accept a "no" from God? Have you ever had to accept a "no"?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

## OUR MISSION

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.