

Beltway Park

God Meets Us In The Fire Beltway Park 1.17.10

Text: Daniel 3 (p. 875)

Life or death, and these guys chose death. Though this kind of devotion to God is rare, it is possible for _____ people.

They came to the furnace planning to _____ worship from the false god, and they end up worshipping as they never had before in their entire lives.

The furnace, which looked like the end of their lives, turned out to be the greatest experience of their entire lives. It was “the can’t miss event” of their entire lives. The fire turned out to be the place where they _____ God in the greatest way possible.

God meets us in the _____.

God sometimes delivers people _____ the fire, but sometimes God delivers people _____ the fire.

Here is the reality of our faith. Sometimes full devotion can lead us to the place that looks frightening and dangerous and painful. It may even look like the end, and that turns out to be the place where _____ is.

There is a danger for most us here who live in this comfortable world. The danger is that the primary goal of my life can become the _____ of fire.

We pray, “God, deliver me from pain, discomfort, suffering, inconvenience. Make my life smooth, make my life easy, make my life comfortable, make it pleasant. Remove obstacles from me.” We want God to enable us to avoid even low level flames. But that was never the promise of God. God’s promise? “I will meet you in the _____.”

Some of us are in the fire right now. God has you on His appointment book. The fourth man is standing with you - cheering you, _____ you to victory in your life.

“You will not be consumed. You will not be swept away, for _____ am with you,” declares the Lord.

Though I would never have the audacity to tell you to relish pain or long for suffering, don’t miss Jesus in the fire. As much as we want God to deliver us from the fire, He may deliver us in the fire. And in that meeting with Jesus - in the fire - you will be markedly _____ for the rest of your life.

Let’s pray _____.

Let’s stop asking God for less heat. Stop asking for a life that is easier, richer, more pleasant or secure. There is something _____!

Somewhere along the line, too many of us in church have gotten the idea that following God has something to do with an _____ life.

The golden statue in our world tends to involve gods with names like comfort, ease, security and _____.

Where did Jesus tell His followers, “God has a wonderful plan for your life, and that involves a great house, attractive spouse, terrific job, wonderful car, endless succession of _____ days?”

Does not Jesus say, “Follow me, and you’re going to have a great big God and outrageous joy, and you’re going to be in the fire a lot and see me work _____ in the midst of it?”

Would you dare to tell God: “I want to meet with you, for in you is all that I long for. And if that meeting place is in the fire, so be it. If you lead me to the fire, Lord, I’ll _____ you there.”
