

# S.O.H.L.

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

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### **In The Middle Of Our Messy Situation**

**DANIEL 3:24-25 NKJV** – (24) Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste *and* spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.” (25) “Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

**DANIEL 6:19-22 NKJV** – (19) Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions. (20) And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?” (21) Then Daniel said to the king, “O king, live forever! (22) My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you.”

I want you to notice the two situations. Both messy! Both consist of innocent bystanders. Two horrifying situations! But God is in the middle of both. It is the same way with you and me. At times we can experience some terrible situations that will make us compromise the truth we believe in. Always know you are not alone! God Himself said, in **HEBREWS 13:5** “I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORESAKE YOU.” It is He who also said in **MATTHEW 28:20** “I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, EVEN TO THE END OF THE AGE.” There are other scriptures where God lets us know He is there. Regardless of your situation, messy or not, God is there!

I am glad God told me to use these two scenarios because many of us can’t imagine ourselves in such a situation as Daniel or the three Hebrew boys. And you don’t have to imagine God is with you at all. Just know that He is. He wants to get you out of that messy situation, whether you are innocent or not.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

EZRA 9:9

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I cannot say “Father, if I refuse to act like His child.”

