

## Sermon Notes:

### Choosing to Trust

Daniel 3

#### I. An Adoration is Demanded

#### II. An Accusation is Made

#### III. An Angered King

#### IV. An Attempted Assassination

#### V. An Announced Confession

#### VI. An Advancement is Given



In April of 2007 Seung-Hui Cho, a senior at Virginia Tech University, went on a rampage. By the time his murderous spree ended by suicide, Cho had killed 32 people and wounded 17 more. Most of those killed were shot as they sat in classes in the engineering school. Cho chained the doors shut to ensure it would be hard for his intended victims to escape. Panic broke out as students began to realize what was happening. When Cho came to one classroom, he found the door barred by the professor, 76 year old Liviu Librescu.

Librescu, a Romanian Jew who survived the Nazi Holocaust and later moved to Israel before coming to America to teach, told the students to open the windows and escape outside. He saved the lives of a number of his students before falling victim to the gunman's bullets. His son later told of the emails he received from young people who had been in the classroom when their professor saved their lives by literally placing himself into the line of fire. In the moment of adversity, his courage rose to the occasion and he proved himself a hero.

Courage exerts itself in times of great trial. In Daniel 3, three Hebrew children chose to oppose the king's command of worshipping a false image, which was contrary to God's commands. This rebellion was met by the wrath of the king and his attempt to take their lives. While we view this story in its entirety, those men didn't know that they would live through that fiery furnace. It is encouraging to see that their faith in God did not waiver. Even facing death, they boldly rebuked the king, and chose to stand against the evil that perpetuated itself that day.

God is calling men and women of faith to stand upon the Word of God, and to continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to a generation that is in desperate need of the hope that Jesus alone offers. As God instructed Joshua at the beginning of his ministry, so this message of God continues to ring out through the centuries, "Be strong and of good courage!" Let us heed these words, come close to the throne of God, and find strength in Him to be able to stand (Ephesians 6:13).

Joshua 1:9, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

*Pastor John M. Brigh*

## Church Business Meeting

Sunday, September 27, 2020, following the Evening Service  
We will vote to pay off the remainder of our Building Loan Debt

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## Teen Hot Dog Roast and Corn Maze

Friday, October 2, 5:00 pm-10:30 pm

Hot Dog Roast at HBC then to Hampton's Corn Maze in Marshfield, MO

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## Observance of the Lord's Supper

Sunday, October 4, 2020, 6 pm

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## Master Club Kick Off

Wednesday, October 7, 2020  
6:45 pm



*We congratulate HBC missionaries Daniel and Lydia Elliott on the arrival of their son, Enoch Rufus Elliott. He was born on September 14th weighing 11 lbs., 8 oz. Mom and baby are doing well.*

## Cookbooks Have Arrived!

Please see the table in the foyer to pick up your copy today. The books are available one per family at no cost. Additional books are available to purchase for \$5.00.

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## Volunteer for Victory!

We are all anxious to be back to "normal." As a church we are working to get there as quickly and safely as possible, but we need YOUR help. One of the greatest ways you can help is to volunteer. We are in need of volunteers to help us during the reopening of the ministries of Hillside. If you would like to help, but afraid it will be a 'lifetime' commitment, I want to invite you to volunteer to at least help us get going again by committing to help through the next two months. At the end of that time you will have an opportunity to continue serving, or to try a different ministry. When we all give of our gifts, there is true victory in the church!

## Prayer Requests This Week

Attendance, Offerings and Missions		
Attendance Last Week		2020 Missions Goal
Wednesday, Sep 9	108	210,000.00
Sunday, Sept 13		Missions Received (wk 46)
11 am Worship	227	153,520.69
		<b>Last Week's Totals (9/7/20 - 9/13/20)</b>
		Tithe/General Offering
		8,936.80
		Missions Giving
		2,448.00
		Building Loan Payoff
		25.00
		Other
		20.76
		Total Offerings:
		11,430.56