



LIFE Hacks

FINDING A BETTER WAY TO LIVE IN BABYLON

DISCUSSION

QUESTIONS

Life Hacks questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group.

A life hack is a clever way to solve everyday problems. The reality is that disciples today need to think creatively when considering how to navigate upstream in a downstream world. The series focuses on some innovative ways to live out our faith in a modern-day Babylon, taken from a genius life-hacker named Daniel.

1 Daniel chapter 2 ended with Neb bowing before Daniel, but he was not ready yet to bow before Daniel’s God. **Read Daniel 3:1.** What statement was Nebuchadnezzar trying to make in having the statue made? What are some ways that our culture still attempts to get everyone “on the same page”?

2 FAITH IS ALWAYS... *under fire in Babylon.* **Read Daniel 3:4-6.** Fiery trials are the rule in Babylon, not the exception (see 2 Timothy 3:12). But the furnace can actually serve God’s purpose. What are some ways our faith is tested today? Why is it important for faith to be tested and how has this been true in your life (see 1 Peter 1:6-7)?

3 **Read Daniel 3:8-15.** God’s people have two options when they are under fire... **OPTION #1 *Bow along to get along.*** There is tremendous pressure to “get along.” What forms does this pressure take in your day to day life? How are you resisting this pressure?

4 **Read Daniel 3:16-18.** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego chose **OPTION #2 *Stand for God and withstand the heat.*** While they were not sure what God would do, they were sure what they would do. How can we “stand for God” in our modern day Babylon without being obnoxious? How does living by our convictions actually liberate us?

5 HEAT HACKS: *Meet God in the furnace.* **Read Daniel 3:19-25.** Because they would not worship a false god out of the fire, they got to worship the true God in the fire. Faith does not mean that we will always be saved from the furnace, but it does mean that we will never enter the fire alone. When have you “met God in the furnace?” Share that experience and how God used it to change you and those around you.

6 HEAT HACKS: *Trust God with the flames.* Daniel’s friends testified that God’s deliverance was sure, but they were not sure what it would look like. **“But even if he doesn’t...”** are some of the greatest words of faith in the scriptures. What do these words say about God’s sovereignty, and what do they say about our submission?

7 HEAT HACKS: *Let God turn heat into light.* **Read Daniel 3:28-29.** God uses fire in the lives of those close to Him to unthaw hearts of those who are far from Him. The faith of Daniel’s friends under fire actually became a testimony to Daniel’s God in Babylon. What are some practical ways we can turn “heat” into “light”?