

HOW TO NAVIGATE THESE CRAZY TIMES

Part 3: Developing Confidence In The Critical Moments

A WHOLE LOT OF SHAKING

- A. Daily uncertainty
 - 1. Schools for fall
 - 2. Economic recovery
 - 3. National government with the election
 - 4. The future of church
- B. So what can we be confident about?
 - 1. Who our God is and who He is to us (*Psalm 27:1&3 NKJV*)
 - 2. This becomes a function of our faith in Him - and faith is a choice

THREE CONFIDENT MEN FACE A CRITICAL MOMENT

- A. They were committed to God (*Daniel 3:14-18 NKJV*)
 - 1. Called out by their peers - jealousy or dog eat dog culture
 - 2. When everyone else bowed they stood - easy to see where they stood
 - 3. When the king threatened they did not have to think of an answer
- B. Their visible confidence in God - revealed by their bold answer to the king
 - 1. If that is the case - and we are thrown in...
 - 2. But if not (the two viewpoints)
- C. God brought them through the fire (*Daniel 3:21-25, 27-28 NKJV*)
 - 1. Tossed in but not abandoned - God walked with them the entire time
 - 2. In the fire but the fire didn't win - had no power over them

OUR DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN THESE CRITICAL MOMENTS

- A. Become even more certain about our commitment to the Lord
 - 1. Believers are becoming the minority
 - 2. It is becoming increasingly easy to see where we stand (*1 Timothy 4:10 NKJV*)
- B. Grow in confidence in our Heavenly Father
 - 1. In His strength and ability and in His willingness to help us
 - 2. David lived on the confident side of his relationship with God
 - 3. A confident Paul declared that the Lord would deliver him
 - 4. How we talk about God reveals a great deal
- C. Be confident in knowing that we are not alone (*Isaiah 43:1-3a NKJV*)
 - 1. It's not that we don't go through stuff ...