

Word of the Week – Corona SDA CM Family, August 7, 2025



Greetings, C.M. Family! A very Happy Thursday to you all!

Well, it seems that the heat is finally catching up to us this week. I hope you are finding ways to stay cool.

In my Bible reading this week, I journeyed through the stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in Daniel, Chapters 1-3. The story of Daniel and the 3 friends is yet another example of how following God in faith and actions is loud and clear. I can't help but think of the story of Joseph going through his own trials and yet loving and living for God through it all. Joseph and Daniel were giving the same gift of interpretation of dreams. Both, because they were faithful followers of God, they rightfully gave God all the credit and glory for the gifts of wisdom and interpretation of dreams, which He gave them opportunities to use so boldly.



I am and always will be moved by the immovable faith of Joseph and Daniel, but also by the faith of Daniel's three friends. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived out an *"even if"* faith in God (*Daniel 2:18*). There were so in tuned with God, that their loyalty to Him trumped all else, even life itself. They just could not bow down to anyone or anything else but the one True God. They knew the creative and saving power of God could move in their favor if that was His will for them, but they would follow Him no matter what. What faith!

There is so much to glean from and meditate upon from this story. Are we living out an *"even if"* faith in God? Do we have absolute faith that God is able to rescue us from danger, trial and tribulation? The word, *rescue* is spoken 4 times in the story of the fiery furnace. I am reminded that through troublesome times as well as the times of peace and safety, I will never forget that I have been rescued by God. He walks with me through it all, even to the end of the age.

May our lives be an example of what resilient faith looks like. I pray that your children see you living out this faith in a way that draws them to know and love Jesus as well.

Have a cool day, friends!

See you soon!

Growing in Christ,
Kelly

¹²*Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. Revelation 14:12, ESV*

