



AN "AT HOME WORSHIP EXPERIENCE"
of First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas
Sunday, May 24, 2020



Hi Sweet Church Family, This is now week nine of our "At Home Worship Experience" guides that we have been providing during this time of sheltering at home. As difficult at this time has been, and it has been difficult, we have had the unique opportunity of learning how to minister in a greater way to those who may be most vulnerable among us and especially to our shut-in church member through these online experiences. We also have hopefully learned something about recapturing times of family worship through these "At Home Worship Experiences." None of us know for sure what the immediate future holds with our present situation, if and when we will all be fully back together. Some will, no doubt, need to continue for some time to worship from home. We hope that these resources now available and archived on our church website will be a longstanding way for many to find help when worshipping at home. You can find those archived "At Home Worship Experiences" by clicking on the link labelled "View all previous At Home Worship Experience," below the green house icon on the front page of our website.

God bless you, Bro. Buddy

*This "At Home Worship Experience" is provided by First Baptist Church of Buda, Texas to be used in the home during this time of home confinement due to the threat imposed by the Coronavirus. During this time when we are unable to meet together we can still do church in our homes and worship our God who is still on the throne, and is worthy of all worship, honour, and praise. This worship experience tool can be used any time you want, but we are encouraging you to go through this worship experience on **Sunday morning, May 24**. Follow the provided order of service as closely as possible, but please feel free to adapt the service to what best fits your family and guests that may be worshipping with you.*

GOD BRINGS NEW LIFE OUT OF THE FIRE

Opening Prayer – Have someone lead in an opening prayer!

Call to Worship – **READ: Daniel 3:1-28**

Have someone read this passage then ask/discuss the following:

- (1) How you handle pain is a great witness to the world. When you trust God in spite of suffering, you'll point unbelievers to him. How important is this for us today and what are the true lasting effects of this?**
- (2) Frankly, you and I aren't much of a witness when life is good. Anyone can serve God during those times. But tough times are a different story. Why might this be true? Spend some time discussing this.**
- (3) Remember the story of Daniel's friends being tossed into the fire? They trusted God, and he rescued them in a miraculous manner. What kind of hope and encouragement in our present day does this great Biblical story give us and why?**

These guys impressed the king with their faith. And the king was the most powerful emperor of that time. The king said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God" (Daniel 3:28 NIV).

- (4) King Nebuchadnezzar recognized that these guys were willing to defy his order and risk death because they trusted God. What are you willing to die for?**
- (5) Rick Warren said, "If you don't know what you're willing to die for, you'll never truly live. You'll only exist." What do you think of this statement? What do you think Rick Warren is really saying by this statement? Do you agree or disagree? Why?**

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Sometimes God brings new life to others because they see us trust him through the fire.

Sing this Hymn – “Follow On” *Sing or recite, and then meditate on the lyrics of this great old hymn of faith. Then spend some time discussing what the writer of this great hymn is telling us about following Jesus.

*Down in the valley with my Savior I will go, where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow;
Everywhere He leads me I will follow, follow on, walking in His footsteps till the crown be won.
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on!
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Everywhere He leads me I will follow on!*

*Down in the valley with my Savior I will go, where the storms are sweeping and the dark waters flow;
With His hand to lead me I will never, never fear, danger cannot fright me if my Lord is near.
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on!
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Everywhere He leads me I will follow on!*

*Down in the valley, or upon the mountain steep, close beside my Savior will my soul ever keep;
He will lead me safely in the path that He has trod, up to where they gather on the hills of God.
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Anywhere, everywhere, I will follow on!
Follow! follow! I will follow Jesus! Everywhere He leads me I will follow on!*

Something to think about:

- (1) What stations of life does this song speak to us of in following God/Jesus?**
- (2) Which of these stations of life might be the hardest to follow Him in? Why? Which of these stations of life might be the one that is the biggest witness to others? Why?**
- (3) What kind of encouragement and hope do you find in following God/Jesus in this great hymn of faith?**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:24

“²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (NKJV)

Think about Jesus’ words in this powerful verse of scripture that speaks of following Him. What is the cost of following Jesus really?

Talk It Over:

- (1) When was a time you drew closer to God by seeing someone else’s response to a time of suffering?**
- (2) What are some things you’d be willing to die for?**
- (3) Why are we often a better witness in tough times than good times?**

 **SPECIAL NOTE**

SERMON TIME: This week in lieu of a recorded message we will be “livestreaming” the worship service at FBC Buda beginning at 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning. You may watch the service live on our church Facebook page. It will be available for viewing for 24 hours on Facebook. An audio recording of the message will be available and posted on our website after editing and in a few days. If you need assistance in viewing the livestream you may contact the church office or one of our ministers.

Closing Prayer & Song - “Family of God”

“I’m so glad I’m a part of the family of God. I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood! Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod, for I’m part of the family, the family of God.”