

# God is in charge – Dan.3

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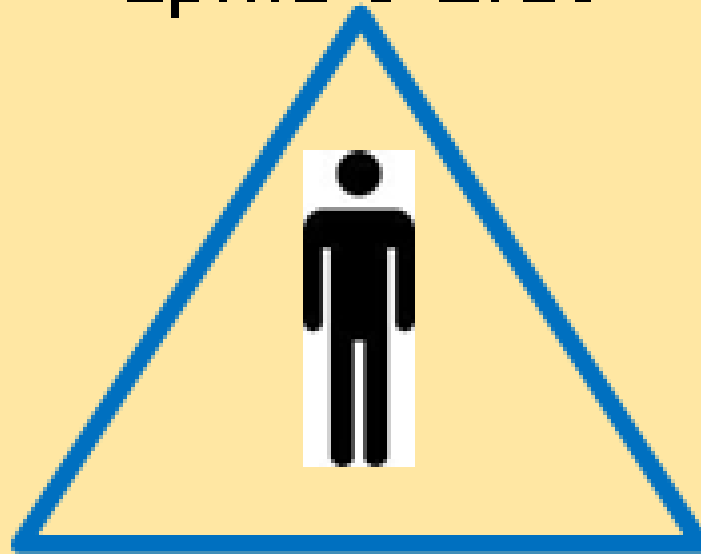
As we live in a troubled world and we face difficult circumstances we need to have a firm foundation:-

1. God is in charge
2. God is with us

# A passion to know Jesus –

## Eph.3:1-14

The Father's plans  
Eph.1-3 2:10



Jesus Christ  
Saving us  
Rom. 6;  
Eph.1:3

The Spirit  
Eph.1:17;  
3:16

# Paul's experience

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1. Getting right with God through Jesus
2. Living out that relationship – Cross & Resurrection
3. Burning passion to know Jesus better:-
  - “Forgetting” the past – gains & losses
  - Straining forward

# 1. The apparent power of Nebuchadnezzar

- a. His wealth – v.1
- b. His authority – v.2-4
- c. The impressive occasion – v.5,7,10,15
- d. Serious threat
  - Being different is unthinkable
  - The scheming opponents – v.8-12
  - Certain death – v.6,11,15

Challenge thrown down by Nebuchadnezzar

## 2. The apparent weakness of God

God's servants are exiles – WHY?

In the face of death they have confidence:-

a. No need to defend God – v.16

b. Trust in God's power – v.17

c. Trust in God's wisdom – v.18

Cf. Joseph – Gen.50:20; Stephen, James...

d. Have the presence of Jesus – v.24,25

Cf. Is.43:2; Rom.8:35-39

# 3. Our solid foundation

- a. God is in charge
- b. God is with us

With these realities in our minds & hearts:-

- a. We stand firm in our allegiance to God
- b. We live in 2 worlds – in the world as citizens of heaven
- c. We live with the apparent weakness of God – cf. The Cross – Acts 4:27,28