



## *Raise a Hallelujah* *Day 4: Bridge*

Sing a little louder  
In the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder  
Louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder  
My weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder  
Heaven comes to fight for me

### *Scripture Reference*

"...If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

- *Daniel 3: 17-18*



# Rhythms of Faith

Daily Devotionals Based on Songs

Today, we'll deviate a bit from our normal process of a new Scripture Reference and, instead, camp on yesterday's Scripture Reference again. Man, it's so good. Let's start by reminding ourselves of the "enemies" in this passage – King Nebuchadnezzar. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego chose to sing a little louder even in the midst of King Nebuchadnezzar's threats. They declared "we will not serve your gods" to King Nebuchadnezzar, knowing fully well he would attempt to kill them anyways.

*Do you sing a little louder amongst your enemies, whether those be people, temptations, internal conflicts, etc.? Where have you settled for serving other gods or idols rather than trusting in the one true God? What are you willing to lay down so that God's glory may be exalted? Sing a little louder than your enemies.*

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While Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego fully believed in their God, they did not know for certain that He would save them from this circumstance. In our scripture, we see them declare "but even if he does not..." However, even in the uncertainty, they were willing to trust their God. Faith is belief in something unseen and God knows, for us mere humans, that can come with some unbelief. He invites us to be like the man in Mark 9:24 who exclaims "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

*Does your faith currently feel like a basket of unbelief? What circumstances in your life today seem to test your unwavering trust in our Lord? Cry out today to the Lord to help you overcome your unbelief. Our Father cherishes the opportunity to come alongside you in that struggle. Sing a little louder than the unbelief.*

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Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego's weapon was a melody – their voices. They could praise their Father louder than the commands of King Nebuchadnezzar. In fact, they wanted the King to know of their choice. "We want you to know..." they said, and in this they stood firm against the King, without any hint of excuse for their choice. Through their words and their stand against King Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fought for their Lord's glory.

*Do you allow your choices and your actions to display to others the glory of the Lord? Do your words fight to display God's strength, but also His love and grace for each of us? Or do you instead choose to make excuses for your words and your actions? Our voices - what we say - and our actions - what we choose to do - can be a weapon for the Lord. Sing a little louder for the glory of your Lord.*

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As we saw yesterday, our Lord did indeed save Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fire. Heaven came to fight for them. And Heaven comes to fight for you. Our Lord sent his only Son to die for our sins, so that we might have eternal life with Him. What better fight could He fight on our behalf? But He also sent His Holy Spirit, to fight for us each and every day in this world. Raise a hallelujah to both of those beautiful truths!

*Do you live your life as if Jesus died for you? Because, dear one, He did. How can you better live out this truth in your life? End the day praying to your heavenly Father. Thank Him for sending His Son to win the war on your behalf. Thank Him for fighting for you in each day of your life. Ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen you in your walk, that you may live out the truth of Jesus each day in your life. Sing a little louder because Heaven has conquered your circumstance, and He has saved you!*

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