

Computer Generated Transcript - We're going to continue on in our worship this morning coming to see me. OK All right it's part of the family service we'll just do this with her right now we planned it I do want to encourage you for those of you who have little kids out there it's Family Service and even when it's not we welcome the sound of children in here all right moms please don't feel like if your kid's making some noise you've got to leave the service today this is part of it all right we're good with the sounds of life in here all right so don't put that pressure on yourself to go or to feel that little Make some noise. So we started the series a few weeks ago that's just simply called Ordinary people serving an extraordinary guy all right it's not it's not a complicated thing but one of the things that we've been doing we're we're taking common Bible stories and we're just telling them again some of you in here now are kids and you're learning these bible store stories at a child's level and that is amazing that's exactly what should be happening right but for so many of us we heard these stories as as children and that's the end of our growth in understanding for these stories all right and so we're going to just continue to talk about these things we want to encourage you to to go deeper there's two main things that we want to get out of this series All right I've said it every week I'm going to continue to say it the first thing that we want to get out of this series is we want you. To grow in your own understanding the Bible understand that you need to be reading the Bible on your own how right you need to be in the word you need to be exploring what it says studying what it says so that God can speak to you and your faith continue to be grown all right if the Bible is the bread of life most of us don't only eat food once a week OK so don't try and make your face like that where you're only eating once a week when somebody else is teaching you get into the Word and allow him to speak to you all right the second thing we want you to get is we want you to understand that. The people that are in these stories are just ordinary people there's nothing extraordinary or remarkable remarkable about them as individuals OK what's extraordinary about what happened is how God worked in their story it's not the people that are amazing it's the God of the story that's amazing in so many times we put these people in stained glass windows we've we've allowed God. You know we call them saints and so they become people that we struggle to relate to all right and I want to encourage you in this. Place these are just ordinary people that God used in extraordinary ways All right we're going to have or should all come up the kids you are welcome to come up here and I'm going to write a liver her back to her mom All right kids you guys can come on up to this stage there's a nice big open spot for you I'm just going to run and grab I think I'm going to grab this little guy over here since it's not being used this week and I just don't want anything I'm going to stand kind of over here so make sure that you can see me while I'm tall aren't I I'm not a short person this is not going to I'll have to make sure I put this back to there does that look better does that look like it's more for someone my height and the whole Well I don't want to cover my face does nobody want to see me today. That's OK I can see it right here all right we've still got some friends coming on here. I just see it it's so fun being up here as these sisters putting hands over brothers mouths and you know all sorts of fun stuff when we're up on the stage right guys so hi I'm pastor a cell if you didn't know I think most of you know right some of you might not or if any of you don't know my name's Rachelle I'm the Children's Pastor here and I am so excited to have you all up here this morning we are going to be talking about a Bible story I'm going to tell you guys a Bible story this morning are you guys OK with that you're ready to hear a story from the Bible it's might be one that you might have heard before it's found in the Book of Daniel Chapter three and now if you're in my class on Sunday mornings right now we've been going through this section of the Bible can any of you that are in that class remind us what is the section of the Bible that Daniel is found in to any of you know what section are we learning about it's the profits great job Zander we're learning about the profits right now and Daniel is found in that section and we're talking about Daniel Chapter three now do we have any guesses what story is found in Daniel Chapter three. I'm going to I'll come back to you if nobody else knows but her dad is also speaking a little bit later so I'm going to just give give someone else a tin some I don't know if she knows but did you did you have a guest. Do you know. What was it Daniel not quite that one's not in Daniel three do you think you know what's in Daniel three. The fiery furnace that is exactly right we're talking about three

guys and a fiery furnace Well we're kind of talking about four guys I'm going to tell you about a fourth guy first there was this guy he had a really funny name he was a king and his name was king never can as Or that's kind of a crazy name right can you say it can anyone say never can as or. Can you say it ten times fast. It was really really close guys really really close so this guy king never can as he made this big huge statue out of gold he made this big statue with some kind it was funny the Bible doesn't say exactly what the statue was it gave us some pretty weird proportions and what not but king the king as are told everybody around him any time you hear music I want you to bow down and worship this statue now we don't again we don't know exactly what that means it might have been representing a god or it might have been a way to worship Him We don't know exactly but we do know that there were these three guys with some more funny names are you guys ready for more funny names all right you might know them you might have heard the names before but we've got a sad rack me sack and Abednego So some of you have heard this story before right. Know some of you have it some of you have Those are crazy names again sad Rock Me stacked and in Bendigo. So these three guys they were in the end when the king gave the order they were there at the time when the king they have the order to bow down to this statue but these three guys said. No way I'm not bowing down to that statue you see these three guys they worship our God that we still worship today the same God that we worship now they knew him they worshiped him and they had some kind of funny feeling about it when King them because they said they had to bow down to the statue you haven't had any of you ever had kind of a funny feeling when you knew you were about to do something wrong like you knew you thought you were going to tell a lie or maybe you were sneaking out of bed with and trying to play with your toys when your parents thought you should really be in bed have you ever gotten that kind of funny feeling before. If you if you don't have to tell us all it's OK you can you can tell us a little bit later but I'm sure I'm sure grandma will appreciate that but. You know so they had that funny feeling like I was supposed to worship this statue No we're not supposed to so they said no they listen to that feeling and they said no we're not going to do that now Kingdom because Or do you think that that made him happy or mad. It made him super mad because they were defying him they were going against what he said to do so he had them brought before him he said bring me those three boys and they came before him and he gave them a chance he said why won't you worship just when you hear music just bow down to this statue and nothing will everything will be fine but if you don't I'm going to have to throw you into a fiery furnace that sounds kind of scary right doesn't sound fun to me what do you think those three did do you think they listen to the king and worship the statue you know they said and actually I have it in here what they said exactly they were brave and confident this is in the Bible they said King that we can as are we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter if we are thrown into the blazing furnace the God we serve is able to deliver a. 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 that you have set up so again do you think the king was happy with that response. All terribly know he was not happy at all he told the people who were watching the furnace for him throw them into the fire make it seven times hotter than normal and bring them over there now we know it probably wasn't actually literally seven times hotter because I don't know if that was physically possible at that time but they made the furnace as hot as they possibly could in that day they made the furnace you're all are bracing yourselves already they made the furnace as hot as they possibly could now this little flame here it's probably not as hot as that furnace was right. But fire is kind of destructive isn't it. Fire can do some big damage even in little doses What do you think is going to happen if I put this fire up to this balloon. Heads up I'm going to do it so if you want to plug your ears do it now. It puffs even a little bit of fire made a big impact on that balloon this fire was so hot it was as hot as they could make it it was so hot that the guys who threw Shadrach Meshach and Abednego into the furnace they were killed so they weren't even in the furnace but they got killed just because it was so hot and the flames were so big now Shadrach me shakin in Bendigo they were confident like we saw they were down in the furnace does anyone remember the ending of the story what happens to those three what happens. Did they die in the furnace. No they

didn't die in the furnace Did they now who did we talk about who did Shadrach me shack in the Bendigo sir. They believe in our God. That we believe in today I have another balloon here with me now this balloon has something different about it than the last balloon they went into the furnace if I can get the lighter going they went into the furnace they walked among the fire you see it on the balloon boys and girls. They walked around. All of the sudden the king and his people they looked down into the furnace and he saw them walking around in there and there was a fourth man with them he said it looks like a son of God So he had them called out he called to them come out at once come stand before me now you see boys and girls when shadowy shack in Bendigo knew that they were going to be going into the fiery furnace they could have just asked God to not go through it right. And maybe they even oxide in their personal prayers who knows but God doesn't always take away the hard times from us sometimes we have to go through those things shatter any Second Amendment go still walk through the fire but God was with them the whole time and because they had faith in him they trusted him they didn't die if he were not always so lucky they came out they didn't smell like smoke they didn't have anything nothing was burned there was no ash they came out completely unharmed we don't always make it through life's trials on hard right sometimes we go through hard stuff and it hurts ya we do but God is always always always with us if we believe in Him If we trust him if we have faith in him he's always with us if we make sure like I said you can't see it but there's water in there if we have something different about us when we have faith in God He is always with us and we can make it through what was at. There is water and not balloon otherwise it would pop just like the first one yes. But just like we have something different in us we have God in our lives to help us get through the hard times the balloon has water to help it withstand the little flame so. Can I pray with you guys. All right dear Jesus thank you so much. Even though it sounds funny thank you for the hard times that we go through God so that we can know that you are always with us Lord even though we don't always make it out completely unharmed sometimes things hurt sometimes bad things happen and we don't know why God We know that we can trust you you have proven to be faithful and good and we know that you will never ever leave us and with if we have faith in you we can make it through the hard times in your name we pray Amen thank you boys and girls you may head back to your seat you remember Sonny check. Just want to keep you know it up here he's pastor's kids I think they run the joint you know. They all over the place hey solo All right we're going to actually do a little game as Jason has already been alluding to today and so if you're at a table that only has a couple of people you might want to you know right now join another table you don't just say it but if you don't want to that's OK too so I have lived here as well she's going to be my official scorekeeper this is my wife my lovely wife Linda right here you can just about that Mike there honey if you need to try soul what we're going to be doing this morning OK we're going to be doing a scavenger hunt that's taking place right here's items that that people may or may not have on them and that's the advantage or disadvantage so what's we call often I see them. As a group each one of you at a table is a team now you understand that everybody at each table is their own team all right what's going to happen is I'm going to I'm going to say I'm looking for this item and then you need to have something that's going to run it up to the front or wherever I might be standing is I might move around to make a little more fair for people so you might want to think about who's going to be your runner you know somebody you can send to run up and then be ready to start grabbing items that you might have here for the game well it just got loud in here. So the first person to run up and get John are myself. When that up to. Actual say me because I'm going to move it around so we are all right so just to give you a little just a little warm up here I'm going to ask for. You guys ready. A pen a pen right now OK OK Oh great anything right great representing over at that table with Dorie we got numbers here so honey you might want to Mark Waid. Are we I thought this was a warm up. For Rio doing this OK that was a practice he's got to spend our future. But you have to be allergic or this is just a little something to do then run fast as you can see these items are something that you already have on here OK we're not going to make you all over this building all or that I'm going to you know but I want to make me a little bit though All right Soledad next item that I am looking for is a. Lipstick who's got a live spirit Cobalt bring it

over do you have it all for you Alberto now named as Chapstick this chap stick our nose lips there are obviously you know you all here you know. Because your here is the actor John All right we got here is our little Paris Hilton first moment counts first person to be person to me the first person you know you John I'm sorry that was a little badges that I want to recount so I mean you got the point so let me see here. All right. This one's going to be a tricky one because not everybody is going to do this but the first person they can call their mom on the phone right now first person the caller from on the phone right now like Obama's very high and you've got your mom must pick up the phone right off the phone on all the polar bears NO NO NO. She wants to go there for an hour that answering my mom in the polls Gerri models that answer a lot. All right right here right here. All of the poll very vehement heroine on the phone. All right a way to have your mama speed dial All right the next one. We're looking for two different pairs of socks from your table to the guy here sorry not sorry she's there. Different just two different socks not two different go get another one you got another one here you find another one of those different These are different right here these are your friends your only want to touch them yeah you know take them back out with my daughters all right over there are two different are all you know what we got to change did have two different socks all these are in Marianne to Mary and next round we're taking that one bad all right I'm sorry to explain that one very well and good job ready All right we're looking for somebody that has a. Safety pin who's got a safety pin saved nobody nobody's got a safety good nobody Oh no you yes we do get here. Oh yeah. Bear you are going so far man that was deep in the grandma's words right there that was good. All right this next one we're looking for trying to make a lot more either run. We're looking for a twenty dollar bill who's got a twenty dollar bill who's got a twenty dollar bill right over here right over here oh oh oh oh oh god i. Just don't think you can right now. All right those who are going to work are real nice those you're going to keep all that money but you know let's table get that one Gerrard stay here are you all right over there oh thank you sir take that back. Yeah right. OK so what we need now. We need somebody to have a piece of gum and then pull bubble come up to me and blow a bubble the first one to do that piece of gum and B L A piece you know. The first person to do that will be the winner will be Victoria Bessie you got all right come on just do this she do it like Hopkins. You've got to come to me when you're ready so you might want to be chewing All right we've got one. Knows we're going to come out of that was a bill that was a ball hanging on the job you keep your body keep your. All right well we got next year there's a lot of ties here all right we're looking for a DI Yer unused. For you. Right here. All right it was on use right yes OK. Yes All right the next one. We're looking for is. That will put all your gun are you that camera. Oh yeah right. Marion here is table with Ted Now look just refresh. I thought there was going to be only a couple of what we had to cut more than I thought. All right the next thing we're looking for is a family picture on your fold who's got a family picture of all the family here that be on the show it to me in the picture we see it. Oh yes this is we got a fairly Sapphira you know fast and all selfie and it was real photos on their screen that's on their on their back there. We're going to help you share. All you know all right all right getting serious All right we're getting we're going real competitive here I see we got a real competitive group here all right the next similar we have or is it. We're looking for a total Clipper who's got to look out better there for oh all right how does this is our job. And let us know where you got here in your fingernails right there was this fast I like all the tables of floor we had more and more just off thought it was going to jump out on the table that was really you can see it was really good all right. The next thing that we're looking for. We're looking for the biggest pile of pocket lids. And land and bring it over here your biggest pile of park it live from your table over here I'm not going to hold this little point in my hand just bring it up who's going to be the collector of the pocket I think you should have done belly button lint Johnno I was I would like to hear you get the lint from this if they all have learned it's not going to go well if you really want to go for your belly button I'm not going to touch it so that's fine all right are people actually working on this year you've got to bring it over bring it over. All right let's see right now we got a very small pilot whales Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga It is called only. All right this is reckons God this is like a string that's not length that's like a string and got someone's got to I'm going to that's a bigger pile right there I think we're

going to war at this point what you got see what you got that's like paper. Not live and not. Are you going to get it over here yeah yeah yeah. All right we got a few more all right we're lookin for a gray haired a gray hair very I got crazy hair now. This is right here that was really really sad here you can have that. All right we got a few more we got a few more oh we doing what teams looking like they're in the lead right now what table at this table I know it's got a few games you can allow then table Bob's table or the real competitors in which. Those three are add a three way tie or a what we're looking for now is a Gift Card who's got a gift card right back here gift card oh that. Was quick thank you you can keep that. All right we got we got two more items. Whose guy. It's their little sir snack time a piece of candy who's got a piece of kidding right now right now see I did have a kid I knew you know he's a kid all right that table that was good for a good hour all right here we go all right see if you can have your mint back I knew Sam would have him and he's always got the I would use if I got the candy but not today. All right last thing though we need from you is a love letter who's got a love letter on their bladder Oh all the old. Saw was that your. Work Oh that right there said all right that was impressive Good thinking quick side quick to our bad scene days were very few that are fine without the land table ten right here is the winners of our today so thank you Allison pass that back in our way. Thank you as we believe firmly in this place that fellowship and fun can be a spiritual thing and I hope again that you've had a chance to talk with some people you may not know but I said I really enjoyed watching the pile spread across the table you know a little bit for easy access right there that was good so thank you for playing our game with us we're going to continue on with our story if you haven't turned there yet it's in Daniel chapter three in your Bibles All right Daniel Chapter three. That's that's where we're at today and as as Pastor Richelle was saying we're talking about Shadrach Meshach and Abednego I want to I want to go back for just a moment though and I want to let you know in this story it's important that you understand the context these three guys are prisoners of war basically all right when we talk about this last week Daniel is another one the guy who wrote this book of the Bible is another one of them but what did happen is they had come and they had conquered Jerusalem this in Pyar had come along they seized Jerusalem and they they won they took over this nation they conquered the land of Judah All right which was the the Southern Kingdom Israel had split into suit two separate kingdoms by this time there was the Northern Trotter Northern Kingdom of Israel there was a southern kingdom of Judah and I'm going to be walking among the tables right now too so if you have your back to me you know you might not have your back to me the whole time all right but so what happened is they come and they conquer and they they will never can as or wins they come and they say that we're going to take the best of the best to come and be a part of our our kingdom right again they're not dumb they understand that they want to have an empire so they need to have lots of people who can who can come along and be a part of this kingdom come along and be a part of this empire and join with them to help them rule because the bigger it gets the more people that takes right and so they go in and they say he says to his captains I want you to bring people the royal family I want to be good lookin I want to be smart and I want to be able to learn quick All right. So for most of us that that probably you know makes us not part of that group but for these four people they have Daniel and Shadrach Meshach and Abednego Now it's important to understand that as they come in as they do this they are totally trying to brainwash these young men. They are totally trying to bring it to the point where then you or Shadrack Meshack and Abednego go that's not their names right we talked to and we talk about them all the time as Shadrach Meshach and Abednego but they didn't just take them and start to educate them they even went so far as to change their names all right their birth names were who were Hannah Naya Michelle I-L. And Azariah OK that's what their names were they're given names at birth that's what their parents name them all right their names meant ya which is a name for God right if you're familiar with the Bible at all you might know ya way OK ya is gracious which means God is gracious right. Michel's name means who is what L. Is L. Is another name for God Kal Should I am has as you look at all of these different things so who is what God is is his name all right that's a cool name right that's that's got a very cool meaning right there as a riot means ya has helped or God has helped OK God is my helper he is so

that that's their names and they're taken to this foreign country and there they begin to be brainwashed they start teaching them in the ways of their gods they change their names K. Han and Iowa becomes Shadrach and that possibly probably means command of aku which is one of their gods OK so they're taking these names that are giving glory to the King of Kings in the Lord of lords and they begin to change their names right to the point where their name even basically means the opposite of what it meant before command of a coup gave me Shadrach means who is as who is right in so instead of who is what God is now it's who is what this. Foreign God is all right and then Abednego means slave of NE bow. So again it's that's another one of their their names for God It's a slave to another god now they are totally break in these boys down at least that was their goal to break these boys down and make them good servants to this kingdom OK to be followers of what this Kingdom is and what it stands for not what they stand for before but what they want to so there break in these kids down but they are foreigners they are captives they are stuck in this other place and that that is the beginning of this story and you can see Rochelle mentioned it earlier you can see in Daniel Chapter three The King Nebuchadnezzar makes a statue that it says in the Bible is ninety feet tall and it's nine feet wide right ninety feet tall and nine feet wide I don't know how high are the stacks at the mill Dale Bryan and you guys know that. I don't I don't think they're ninety feet tall you think they're ninety feet tall. Nine Stories. OK. They're Was. OK it's not easy tolls nine stories so get that in your brain OK about nine stories is about how tall this thing is by nine feet wide if you do some basic math and you figure that they just made the simplest statue ever and it's just a big spire out of gold and it's just plated with gold not even solid gold it's just plated with gold this statue would be worth about nine hundred fifty million dollars. In today's exchange OK this is a foreign king saying look how much money I have right like this might be the greatest boast of wealth of all time OK and he makes this huge statue and he's like oh it's not it's not good enough for you to just see how wealthy I am I also want you to worship what I've made what I have my showing of how wealthy I am and how strong I am and what we've conquered I want you to worship what I've put out there all right that's that's my goal for the day and you see these three boys you see them we don't know how old they are at this time we have no way of knowing exactly what their age would have been at this time you can see as you look that they sound these musical instruments and everybody has their house except three kids three young men and can't you see it like it doesn't say that they're all standing together maybe they were but again I've told you this before and I tend to have a pretty active imagination and so the way that I see this is these guys are spread out all over the place because they've already been put in charge of some areas of the country OK so in my mind they come and they're all spread out in the crowd they're not even sure necessarily who's there at this point and this blast happens and everybody Niels and I just imagine Shadrach standing there and being like. I knew you would be Shaq I'm not alone in the shacks over there like OK I go OK. They just start to spot each other and they're the only three people in this whole place that don't know maybe they were standing together I'm just telling you what my brain works I'm not trying to make scripture I'm just telling you that's what I see we have three young men standing with a whole nation is doing something else three young men who have already been conquered one time. Their nation has already been conquered refusing to bow at the king's command. Right now some people might have been able to justify this like I'm going to bow but I'm not going to pray they won't even know I'm going about I'm actually going to pray to God against this king right I'm going to bow out I'm going to pray TO THE KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS as I bowed to pray and most of us wouldn't think twice about that right but they refused to even give any sort of impression that they might be serving another god and they wind up in the King's chamber right just as as as Richelle talked about this they wind up in the King's change chamber you can see that that think gather them together and in verse thirteen they bring them in a never can has or says of them in verse fourteen is it true Shadrach Meshach and Abednego that you refused to serve my gods or to worship the gold statue I have set up I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of musical instruments but if you refuse you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace and then what God will be able to rescue you from my power

you hear it I am stronger than the gods you hear what I say my power is greater than the power of the Gods there is no one anywhere that can save you from me because I'm stronger than them. And verse sixteen Shadrach me shakin Abednego reply Oh never can as. We do not need to defend ourselves before you. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace the God whom we serve is able to save us he will rescue us from your power your Majesty but even if he doesn't we want to make it clear to you Your Majesty that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up I want you to hear that statement. Again. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace the God whom we service able to save us he will rescue us from your power your Majesty but even if he doesn't we want to make it clear to you Your Majesty that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up you hear the three words that are so are used there are God as able. Are God's will but even if he doesn't this is amazing to me this is something that sometimes we miss our God is fully capable he's able of saving us and he will save us some people look at that like they already had the answer like they already had been told from God that they were going to live but I don't think they did because of what the next thing they say is even if he doesn't. We're not going to bow when they say God will save us I want you to hear they're making a faith statement. They are saying that God is able and we believe that God will. But even if he doesn't nothing's going to change. They don't already know the end of the story many of you do because you watched a rack shack and benny Veggie Tales you know or or you see in you know you've heard this on a maybe a flannel graph when you were in in Sunday school or whatever you've read it on your own right but I need you to hear He can we believe he will. But even if he doesn't it doesn't matter it doesn't negate who our God is we will never ever bow to you. Conquered voice looking the most powerful human being on earth in the eye and sand you are not bigger than my God. And one of the things that's amazing to me about this is especially when you look at this is a faith statement instead of as a fact statement it becomes fact but when they first say it it's faith and the thing that's amazing to me about that is many of you are in a place right now where you're struggling Chris mentioned it before as as we're sitting up there and we were talking about of this morning we had through our word that they prayed and God was with her we have we had all of these things happen this morning that say the same thing that God can. And we believe he will and some of you are in that situation where you're look in life in the face and it doesn't make sense. Things are hard you're where you thought you would never be. Right you're in a place this morning where you thought you would never get to. And I'm not going to try and fill in details here because most of us have our own details and if I don't need to say and you're already thinking of a situation and maybe this morning what you need to have because you're questioning God in the middle of your circumstances you're like God are you even big enough for this god can you save me from this thing God are you are you able to do this and I think some of us need to just let it resonate this morning that these three young men didn't already know the end of the still. They stand in the face of the ruler of the largest in Pyar known to man at this time. And they say our God can save us we believe God will save us but even if he doesn't he is still God not you and some of you need to understand that I don't understand we talked about this last week I don't understand why some times God steps in and miraculously delivers I don't get it I've seen it happen where people have prayed and there are I've seen things that have no explanation other than God I've shared stories before of I've heard in seen misaligned backs and hips straighten themselves out I saw a leg grow like four inches like things that there are no explanation for I watch or I should say I watched my grandpa used to tell a story all the time he was a farmer and he was praying at the homestead because there was a tornado coming right towards them and rather than run into the shelter he dropped to his knees in the field and prayed and the tornado moved and then the tornado went up without hitting anybody else I've seen and I've heard and beyond just those kind of things God has worked in my heart and I am no longer who I once was there is no explanation for that other than God. But even if he doesn't I believe God can work in your situation. I truly believe God will work in your situations. But even if he doesn't. He's no less God even if he doesn't he is with you he's there to bring comfort he's there to bring peace in situations that have no answer he knows your pain and he knows your struggle and even if the divine miracle that you want to happen

doesn't. You need to hear that Jesus is with you in that furnace. And he's waiting to welcome you home on this story we see God miraculously deliver. We talked about this last week though if you look at the New Testament there is a lot of people. That God used miraculously that he didn't deliver from death if you look at the disciples who are left after Jesus ascended to the throne although one of them died a martyr's death. Does that mean God loved them last then Shadrach in the shack in a bed to go. No it does not he was with them waiting to welcome them home some of you need to just let a resident I want to say it one more time and we're going to close out this service our God. Is able to move in your situation. And I truly believe that God wants to and will move in your situation but even if he doesn't he is still God and your faith doesn't have to shake you can stand firm knowing that the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords loves you so much he sent his Son to die for you I wish I could have answers for why sometimes these things happen and sometimes they don't. But I know. That God is who he is and that doesn't change because my circumstances do. God loves you. And he wants to work in your heart so here's what we're going to do today this is how we're going if your guest with us this is something we do almost every week Jesus Christ as we mentioned in communion as we sing about during worship as we talked about Jesus is big enough. He came to this earth and he lived and he taught he performed miracles and he died for you. But that wasn't the end of his story. Jesus Christ rose from the grave and he conquered sin in death and that new covenant came into place. And we can have a relationship with Jesus and if you're in here and you have never asked Jesus into your heart we want to give you a chance to do that this morning the second thing I'm going to ask is just simply this all right you're in tables this morning I know some of you know the people at your table because no matter what I said you are going to go sit with people you don't know and some of you are sitting with people you don't know so when you are sitting with people that you do know here's what I'm going to ask you to do this morning some of you are in a place right now where you feel like you're staring into the door the open door of a fiery furnace. Like you're at a place where you have come to this is own and you're looking a trial dead in the face. And you don't know how it's going to work out I want you to know that God can. I believe he will. But even if he doesn't he is with you and he will walk with you through that situation here's what I want to ask you do when I ask for an intense vulnerability. This isn't something we do every week. But I'm going to ask you you don't have to give any details at your table but after we pray for people if somebody raises their hand to accept Jesus I'm going to give a call out again and if one of you at your table you just need God to pray or you need people to pray with you because there's something going on and you just need prayer and ask you just. Wave a hand at your table if you want to give some details that's great if not that's fine and I'm going to ask you just pray for each other right at your tables not come up to pray for a child or right where you're at.