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Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

The fiery furnace in today's first reading represents the world and we are all immersed in this world which can burn us and destroy us. That is why we have Someone who comes to our aid, protects us, and helps us survive the flames without being harmed. Jesus not only protects us but speaks to us, as we hear in today's Gospel: "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." As the three young men gave witness and spoke to King Nebuchadnezzar courageously, their faith gave witness that could not even be denied by the King. He saw the event and experienced something so amazing that he could only exclaim: "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who sent his angel to deliver the servants who trusted in him; they disobeyed the royal command and yielded their bodies rather than serve or worship any god except their own God." Witness more than words announces the truth and liberates us from lies and deceit to proclaim the praise and glory of God! May Jesus reign in our hearts!

God Love You!

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