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5. Turning up the heat



Which direction ...

is your Christian life moving in ?

Jeremiah 29:11


For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

When challenged to compromise ...

1. DETECT the real reality

Daniel 3:2

He then summoned the satraps, prefects, governors, advisors, treasurers, judges, magistrates and all the other provincial officials to come to the dedication of the image he had set up



Is there a counterfeit
reality that you are in
danger of accepting?

When challenged to compromise ...

Daniel 3:12

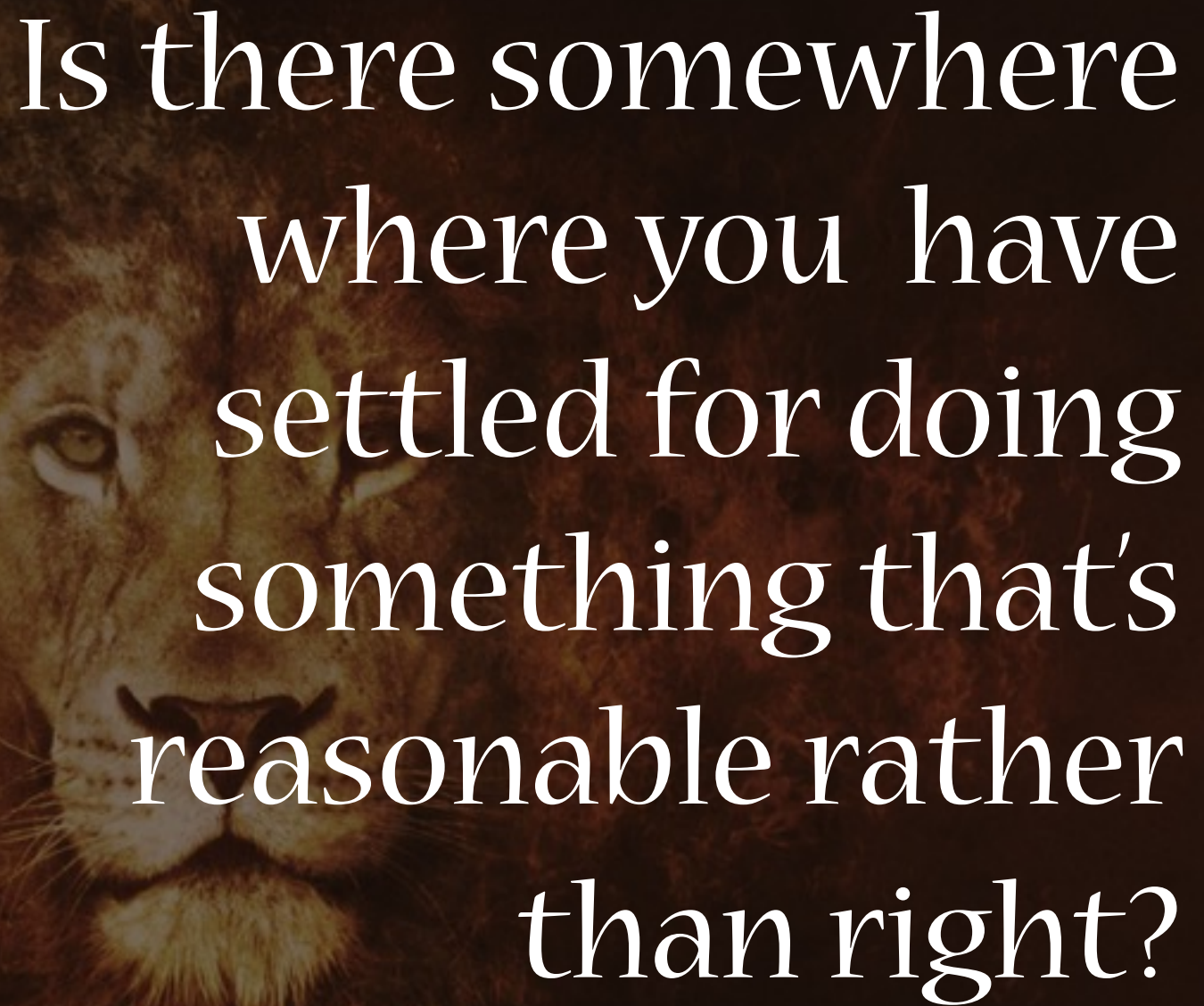
But there are some Jews whom you have set over the affairs of the province of Babylon – Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – who pay no attention to you, Your Majesty. They neither serve your gods nor worship the image of gold you have set up.'

When challenged to compromise ...

2. DO what's right not what's reasonable

Daniel 3:15

Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipe and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?'



Is there somewhere
where you have
settled for doing
something that's
reasonable rather
than right?

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2. DO what's right not what's reasonable

Daniel 3:16-17

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, 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 us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.'

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Daniel 3:18

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.'

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3. DECIDE that faith is never futile

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Daniel 3:24-25

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisors, 'Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?' ... He said, 'Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.'

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4. DISCOVER Christ is in your crucible

Acts 7:54-56

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of

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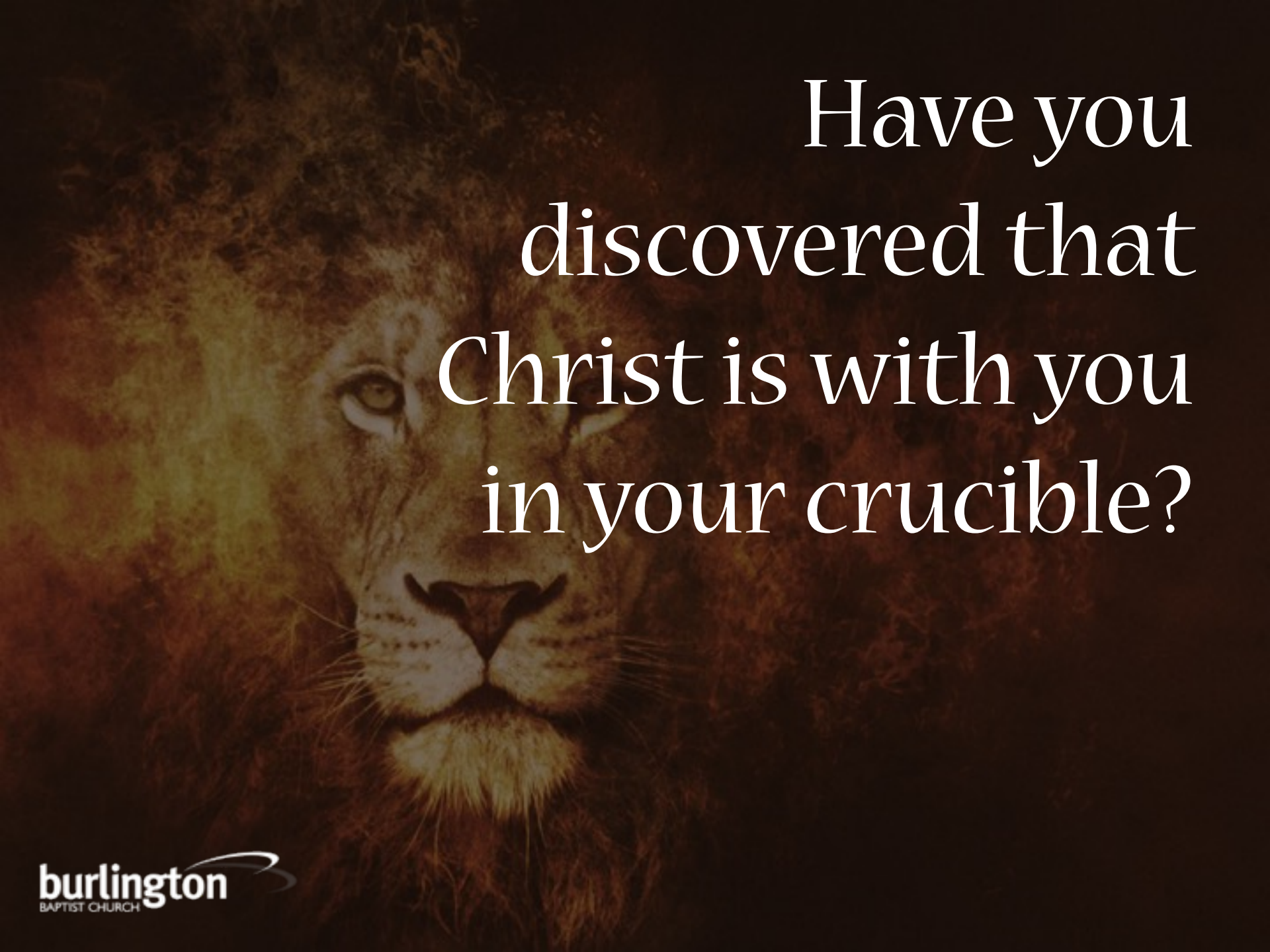
Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you;


And through the rivers, they shall not overflow
you.

When you walk through the fire, you shall not
be burned,

Nor shall the flame scorch you.



Have you
discovered that
Christ is with you
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