

NEVER BACK DOWN

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:35-39

Introduction:

1. People who inspire us are those who will never quit regardless of the obstacles before them.
2. Christians must never back down from any obstacle the world puts before us!
3. We never back down from...

I. WORSHIPING GOD

A. THE EXAMPLE OF DANIEL

1. He prayed to God as was his custom –Da 6:10
2. Even when threatened by the lion's den he prayed

B. OUR FOLLOWING

1. We desire to follow the example of Daniel; being bold and courageous
2. What keeps people from worshipping God today? (Fishing, sleeping in, etc.)

II. WORSHIP GOD ONLY

A. THE EXAMPLE OF THE FIERY FURNACE

1. These men would not worship the golden image even if it meant their very lives!
2. Their faith remained steadfast in God –Da 3:16-18

B. OUR FOLLOWING

1. We would never dream of worshipping any false god –Ex 20:3, 4
2. What about coveting what another person has –Co 3:5

III. PREACHING JESUS

A. THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLES

1. They were beaten, imprisoned, and eventually killed for preaching Jesus
2. They would never back down –Ac 5:29; 40-42

B. OUR FOLLOWING

1. We too have the desire to preach the word in season and out -2Ti 4:2
2. What keeps people from teaching and preaching the word today?
 - a. Rejection of friends and family
 - b. Not wanting to seem strange to others

Conclusion:

1. The devil has many tactics to keep us from serving God as we ought.
2. We must not be ignorant of his devices (2Co 2:11), but know them and please our God continually.