

THE COST OF THE CROWN – PART 3

[1 Corinthians 4:1-2]

FAITHFULNESS – THE 3RD EXPENSE!

1. Prepare To Keep Going:

a. David – Faithful in Failures:

- **Ziklag:** The Place Where **Everyone** Is Tested, [1 Sam. 30:3].
- Prepare For Your **Faithfulness Test**.
- **Stoning:** The Frustration Caused by **Time** & **Loss**, [2 Sam. 30:4-6].
- Prepare For **Weeping**.
- **Ephods:** **Connected** To God Thru It All, [2 Sam. 30:6b-7]
- Prepare For **Self-Encouragement**.
- **Encouragement:** God's Word = Recover All! [2 Sam. 30:8]. 30:17-19
- Prepare For **Recovery**.

b. The Hebrew Boys – Faithful in Fires:

- **Statues & Songs:** The Pervasiveness of **Conformity**, [Dan. 3:9-12].
- Prepare To **Stand Out**.
- **Furnaces & Fires:** The Place of **Refining**, *Not Destruction*, [Dan. 3:19-20].
- Prepare For **Refinement**.
- **Fires & Figures:** The Place of **Revelation**, [Dan. 3:24-25]
- Prepare To See **Jesus**.
- **Smoke & Smells:** The Place of **Miracles**, [Dan. 3:27-30].
- Prepare For **New Decrees**.

c. Words Of Counsel:

- Keep Your **Head High** No Matter What You're Passing Through, [Isa. 43:2].
- Keep Your **Faith High** No Matter What Is Fighting Against You, [Isa. 54:15-17].

PRAYER: Father, in every season, help me to remain faithful, in Jesus ' name!