Date: **Podcast Worksheet**
Facing the Fire: Trusting God's Plan

Scriptural Text:
Daniel 3:9-30; Luke 17:33; 22:42b; James 4:10

Main Points:
1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego believe the Lord is the one true God, that he holds all power, that he is worthy of their worship, and that his decisions are trustworthy.
2. Doubting God will do the best and right thing in our life demonstrates a lack of faith.
3. If we don't believe God is good, we are standing in a place of pride, judging him as lacking, and usurping his place in our life with self-power.
4. True faith does not presume upon God's will; it accepts whatever he chooses.
5. When we finally understand we can safely trust everything to God, fear, stress, and anxiety become much less of an issue for us.
6. It is when we die to self that we begin to really live.
7. *There are many people who believe in Jesus Christ, but they have not relinquished anything, consequently they have not received anything. Oswald Chambers*
8. Faith means accepting God's choices even when we don't understand or like them.
9. Sometimes God puts the fire out; sometimes he takes us around the fire. A time always comes, however, when he takes us through the fire.
10. Whenever God allows us to go through the fire, he goes with us. We are never alone.

Questions:
1. Explain your position of belief regarding this statement: *I trust God will always make the right decisions in my life.*

2. Share your thoughts about Oswald Chambers' quote (point #7). Do you see a connection between relinquishment and receiving from God? Is their something God is asking you to relinquish?

3. Have you experienced a time when God took you through the fire? Explain

Prayer of Response:
Lord God, please help my faith grow to an unshakeable place like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's faith. Where my beliefs still falter, make me aware so I can relinquish them and embrace the truth. I want to serve you with my life. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____

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