

# Purpose In Your Heart

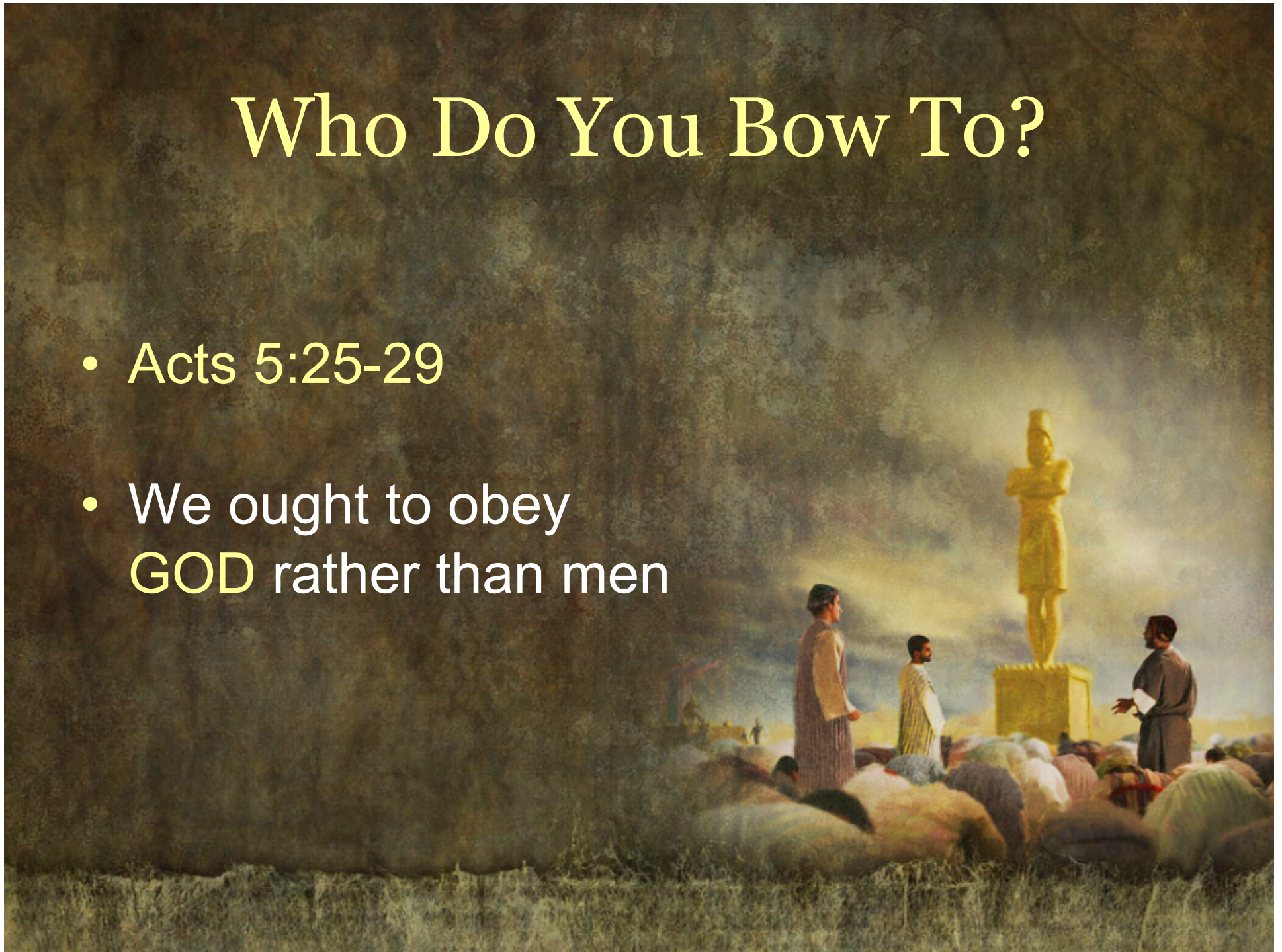


Our God Whom We Serve  
Is Able to Deliver Us



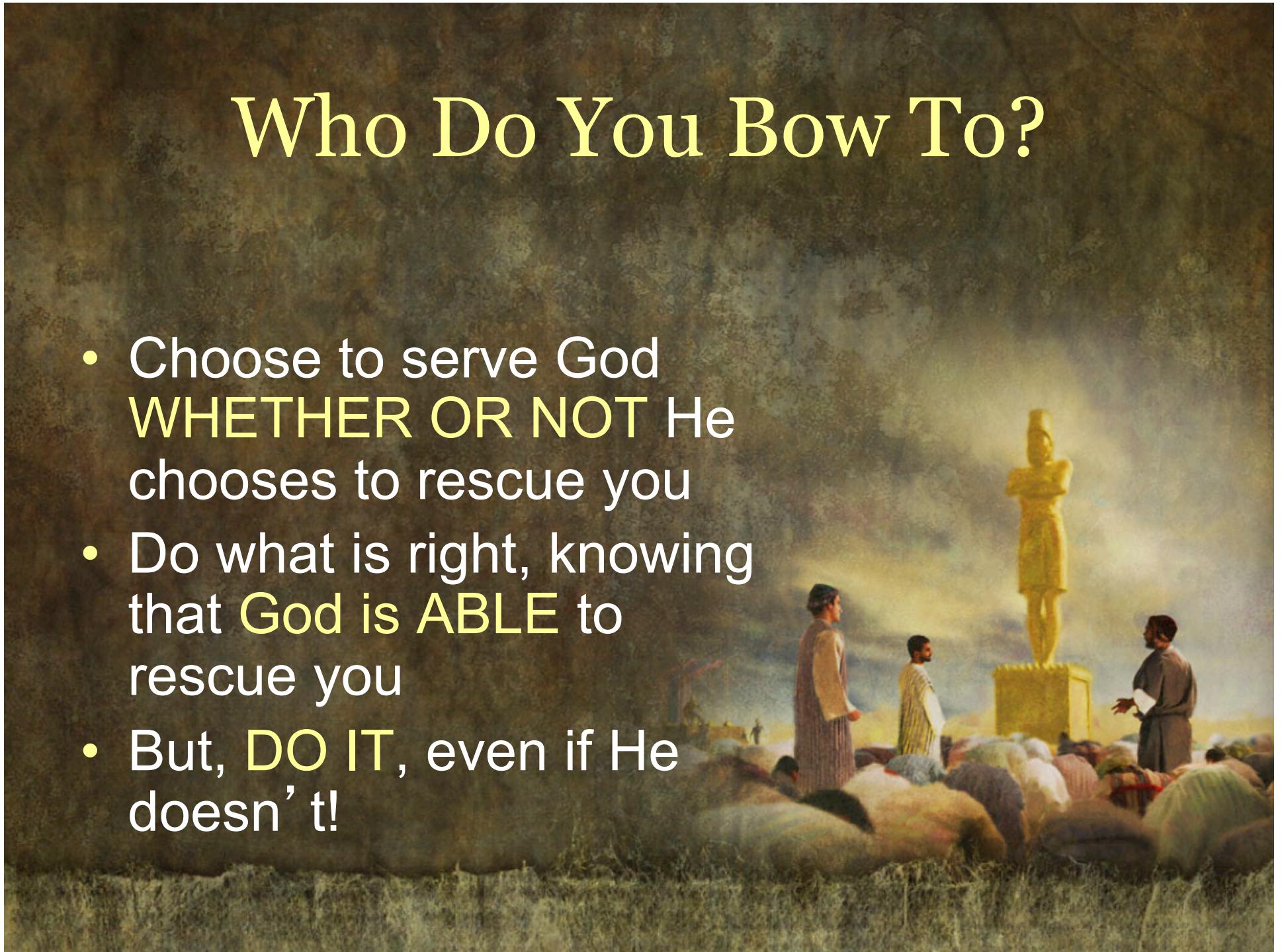
# Who Do You Bow To?

- Acts 5:25-29
- We ought to obey **GOD** rather than men



# Who Do You Bow To?

- Choose to serve God **WHETHER OR NOT** He chooses to rescue you
- Do what is right, knowing that **God is ABLE** to rescue you
- But, **DO IT**, even if He doesn't!



# RESOLVE

- Fill your life with that kind of **RESOLVE**, and you can face any trial



# Not ALONE in the Fire

- God **PARTICIPATES** in our Trials
- God not only carries us through our Trials, but He is there to **ENCOURAGE** and **COMFORT** us as well



# Not ALONE in the Fire

- 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12 & 19 NLT
- Keep on doing right!
- Trust yourself to God!
- He will never fail you!







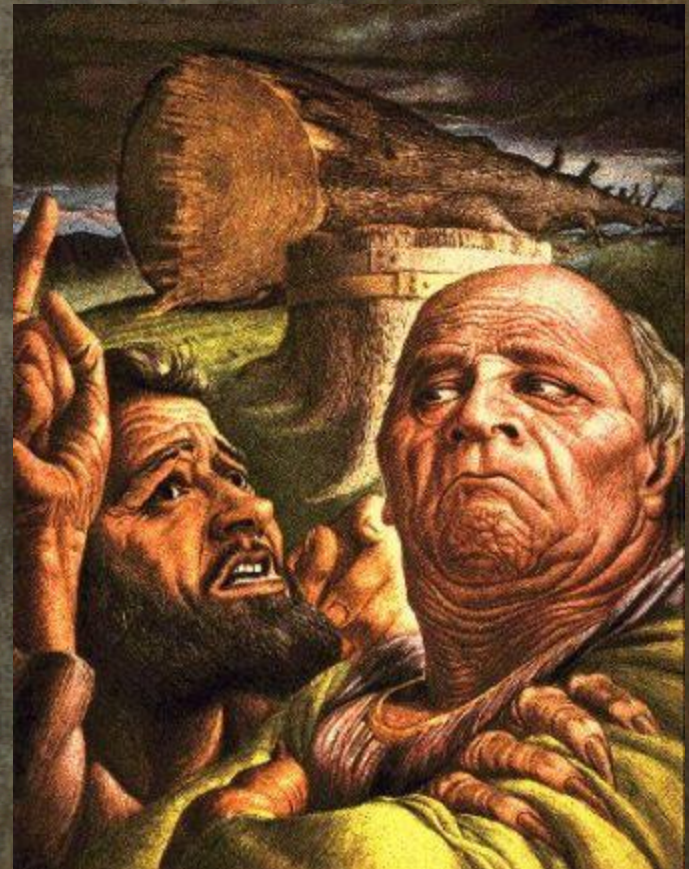
# Daniel's Thoughts Troubled Him

# Contented & Prosperous

- Are you **more** or **less** vulnerable when things are going well?
- When things look good we have **cause for concern**
- We are too often lulled into a **sense of false security** when things go well

# Why the Chaldeans?

1. They had worked their way back into positions of importance?
2. Daniel has been doing more administrative work than interpretation?



# Belteshazzar

1. Identifies Daniel with a Pagan, Babylonian God
2. Daniel does not have the “spirit of the holy gods” in him, but rather the “spirit of the Most High God”

# Cut Down to Size

- Mistake pointed out to you
- One of your decision overruled
- Taken out of the “game”
- Do you learn something **POSITIVE** from the situation? If you don't, then you will never get past the humiliation.

# Daniel's Thoughts Troubled Him

- Daniel is dismayed that he has to give the bad news to the King
- He isn't glad to see the **Mighty** fallen
- He doesn't delight in seeing the **Proud** abased
- He felt **COMPASSION** for his enemies

# Daniel's Advice to US!

- God does **NOT** desire to harm us
- He desires our **WILLING** obedience
- He warns us in advance about judgment and gives us opportunity to turn from sin
  
- God feels **COMPASSION** for us

# God Loves US!

- God is **not** against honoring individuals
- Nebuchadnezzar is entitled to **enjoy** the benefits of what he has done
- He simply needed to acknowledge God as the **source of his success**
  
- We do also...