

C. You have advantages that Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego did not have

1. They knew how God made a way to save His people through the Red Sea
2. You know how Jesus made a way for you to be a forgiven child of God on the _____
3. You know how Jesus made a way for you to have eternal life by rising from the _____

Conclusion: A challenge to live with “even if” faith

- A. To keep _____ on whatever faith foundation you have
- B. Remind yourself of the ways that God has saved you in the _____
- C. Have courageous faith
 1. Trust that God is able to rescue you
 2. Even if He doesn’t, you will still trust in Him above everything else
 3. Jesus is our greatest treasure & nothing can separate us from Him & His love (Rom. 8:38-39)
- D. Application: How does this message apply to your life?

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The Way Maker 2: Life With Courage – Daniel 3:1-18

Summary: All of us have situations in life when we are filled with fear & fear can prevent us from doing the right thing. But faith in the God who saves will help us to have the courage we need to move forward in the face of fear.

Intro: The NBA & China

- A. The Challenge
 1. Conflicting beliefs
 2. Something valuable is threatened
 3. The result is _____
- B. Fear can keep you from doing the _____ thing
- C. Courage can help you to keep going forward in the face of fear
 1. Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it. -Nelson Mandela
 2. How can we have courage?
 3. Through _____ in the God who saves.

I. **Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego - The courage of “even if” faith** (Daniel 3:1-18)

- A. The background
- B. The dilemma

1. Conflicting beliefs
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar believes that he must have the _____ loyalty of his subjects for his empire to be successful. He believed he could get that loyalty by enforcing religious conformity.
 - b. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego believe that only _____ is worthy of their ultimate loyalty, so they voluntarily give that loyalty to Him
2. Something valuable is threatened
3. The result is fear
- C. The response (vv. 16-18)
 1. A deeper look
 - a. No need to _____
 - b. God is _____ to rescue
 - c. But even if He doesn't, we will not _____ our ultimate loyalty to Him
 2. What is the basis for their response?
 - a. The _____ Commandment (Exo. 20:3)
 - b. "Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your _____." -Martin Luther
 3. A question of faith & values
 - a. The cost of turning away from God was too _____

- b. The reward for obeying Nebuchadnezzar was too _____

II. How did they get their "even if" faith?

- A. They had a faith foundation
- B. All their material support was stripped away when they were taken into exile
- C. While having nothing, they personally experienced God's saving work in a powerful way

III. Application

- A. Our world is in big trouble
 1. Most people do not have a faith _____ anymore
 2. _____ goods tends to be the god of people in our society, when we start to lose them, we think that God has abandoned us.
 3. People do not have
 - a. The spiritual _____ to see when God is at work
 - b. The spiritual resources to withstand the challenges of life and death.
- B. You are the Body of _____ in the world
 1. You know Jesus and His love
 2. You embody Jesus for He lives within you
 3. So you spread the _____ of Jesus with others through what you say, think & do