

Unshakable—3

Anxious Hearts, Fearless Faith

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. ... 1 Peter 1:7 NLT

A faith that's been tested is a faith that can be trusted.

Then a herald shouted out, “... ⁵When you hear the sound of the ... musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. ⁶Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace.” Daniel 3:4-6 NLT

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So at the sound of the musical instruments, all the people, whatever their race or nation or language, bowed to the ground and worshiped the gold statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Daniel 3:7 NLT

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand.” Daniel 3:16-17 NIV

They refused to compromise their faith even in the face of death.

If you're committed to serving God, the devil will tempt you to compromise your faith in God.

“If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. ... ” Daniel 3:17 NLT

“... the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” Daniel 3:17-18 NLT

“Look!” he answered, “I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”
Daniel 3:25 NKJV

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”
Daniel 3:28 NIV

God doesn’t always deliver us *from* our trials, but He’s always with us *in* our trials.

TALK IT OVER

How can people remain strong in their faith, even when they’re tempted to make a compromise?

Read **Daniel 3:17-18.** Share about a time when your faith was tested. What was that like, and how did God meet you in that experience?

Are you currently walking through a trial? Talk about it with your OneGroup and spend time praying together.