



# Crosspoint Church

## AfterWords

Weekly Study: Even If God Doesn't Deliver



### Overview

This week's study focuses on a faith that remains steady even when God's actions don't match our expectations. Through the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we see that true faith rests not in outcomes but in God's unchanging character. It's a faith that declares, "Even if God doesn't move the way I hoped... I will still trust, still believe, and still stand."



### Scripture

*Paraphrased Daniel 3:16–18 (NLT): "The God whom we serve is able to save us... But even if He doesn't..." Ephesians 3:20 : "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly..." Isaiah 43:2 (NLT): "When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned... for I am with you."*



### Key Points

#### Real Faith Speaks Boldly

- **Real faith is settled before the pressure comes;** like the Hebrew boys who said, "*We do not need to defend ourselves,*" it refuses to negotiate or bow when culture pushes compromise.
- **Bold faith speaks with conviction** because it knows who God is and it declares truth the way they did in Daniel 3:16, standing firm without hesitation or apology.

#### Real Faith Believes God Can

- **Faith confidently declares God's ability,** echoing Daniel 3:17, "*Our God is able.*" It refuses to let the fire, the delay, or the impossibility shrink its view of God's power.
- **This confidence is rooted in God's character,** trusting Ephesians 3:20 that He is "*able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think,*" even when the outcome is still unknown.

#### Real Faith Stands Even If...

- **Real faith stands firm** when God says "not yet," "no," or moves differently than expected.. it echoes Daniel 3:18, choosing conviction over outcomes and obedience over comfort.
- **Faith refuses to bow to pressure or disappointment,** Isaiah 43:2 states, "*When you walk through the fire.. I will be with you,*" knowing God may not remove the fire, but He will meet you in it.



## Reflection



Where am I letting unmet expectations weaken my trust in God?



How is God calling me to stand in faith in what I'm facing right now?



How has God been with me in past fires, and what does that teach me today?



## Prayer

Father, strengthen my faith to trust You beyond outcomes or expectations. Anchor my heart so deeply in who You are that no fire, delay, or disappointment can shake my confidence in You. Empower me to stand boldly, believe courageously, and remain faithful even when I cannot see the way forward. Walk with me through every fire I face, steady my spirit in Your presence, and shape me through every moment of uncertainty. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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