

Unshakeable

Dallas Willard: *You are an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe.*

A faith that's TESTED is a faith that can be TRUSTED

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. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. **1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)**

1. Faith obeys GOD instead of following MAN

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter." **Daniel 3:16 (NLT)**

2. Faith BELIEVES in spite of what it SEES

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. **Daniel 3:17 (NLT)**

Jonathan Evans eulogy to his mother:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRsiPMp6drw>

3. Faithful OBEDIENCE is our responsibility; the OUTCOME is God's responsibility

"But 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 3:18 NLT

But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?"

"Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied.

"Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!" **Daniel 3:24-25 (NLT)**

For your small group:

Read Isaiah 43:2-3

1. Notice the use of the word 'when' not 'if'. What does that tell you?
2. As we saw in week 2 of this series, the word 'through' is there – why is that important?
3. The quote from Dallas Willard is at the top of these notes – what does that tell you about yourself? Are you very aware of this, or do you need this reminder?
4. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had decided in advance what their response would be to the King's command – are there any "red lines" you need to put in place in your life?
5. How does not being afraid of death, enable a person to really live?

Pray for those you know (you?) who are going through trials just now. Pray for persecuted Christians around the world and those who are facing death because of their allegiance to Christ. (There are only two answers to your prayers for them: "Either they will live or they will live!")