



Heritage Alliance Church

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By Faith: Daniel & Friends

"...without faith it is impossible to please God". Hebrews 11:6

A life of faith begins by trusting God, lives by trusting God, and ends trusting God

The Faith Story: Daniel Chapter 1-6

"King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God."
Daniel 1:1-2

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. 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. 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 3:16-18

"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

"So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, " the king should make a law that... for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human — except to you, will be thrown into the den of lions. So, King Darius signed the law... when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God."
Daniel 6:6-10

Living By Faith - They made a decision to still live for God despite their circumstances, obstacles, or understanding

Living By Faith – Despite their circumstances they trusted God was still in control, faithful to His word & character, and worthy of worship & sacrifice

Two Dimensions to Faith:

- **Certainty:** Being obedient to what we know God has revealed to us.
Our Focus: what we know for sure – What has God said in His Word?
what we can control – our actions of **obedience** to His Word
- **Uncertainty:** God is free, God knows what we do not, God's ways are not our ways
Our Focus: Trust God is good – What has been revealed about God's character?
Acknowledge God's sovereignty – He is in control and all powerful
Release the outcomes to God

To live by faith: Make a decision to live "Righteously" before God
Continue to be faithful to God's Word despite your environment, circumstances, understanding, obstacles, or cost.
Accept that adversity is part of the process of growing your faith
Remember God's faithfulness to you and others