

# UNSHAKABLE

## (Part 2: TRUST GOD NO MATTER WHAT)

### A Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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In the Book of Daniel Chapter 4, three friends of Daniel - Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego stood by their faith and worshipped God in defiance to the order of the king to bow to his statue. The king had decreed that people who refuse would be thrown into a blazing furnace. The three men showed unshakable faith in God, trusting Him even at the risk of death. Let us trust God when life is going well and be fearless in faith when life is difficult.



#### 1. The three men stood firm in their faith.

1.1. Uncompromising faith is manifested by conviction and integrity in the face of death. Today, there are many "chameleon" Christians who blend in with every idea to please everybody and do not even stand up for what is true. Wherever we are, let us remain Christians and choose what is right; let us not follow what is wrong just because everybody is doing it. We are created in God's image and likeness; let us not conform to the standards of the world (Rom.12:2). The Holy Spirit reminds us; let us listen to His whisper (Isa. 30).

1.2 Courageous/fearless faith is the choice to trust in God's promises/plans even against uncertainty or difficulties.

1.2.1. The defiance of the three men was reported to the king (Dan.3:13-14). The king called for them and gave them another chance, but they still refused.

1.2.2. Behind any unanswered prayer, there is God's perfect will, who knows what's best for us. We know He will never abandon us.

1.3 They had confidence/faith in God. "If we are thrown into the furnace, the God we serve will deliver us..." We must not waver in faith.

1.4 Resolute Faith refers to a determined belief that remains steadfast regardless of adversity. The 3 friends' faith was unshakable "...but even if He does not, we want you to know that we will not serve your god or worship your gold statue." Even if God does not heal or answer our prayer, let us continue to pray. Even when He says "No" this means there is a better way/plan.

1.5 The three expressed that commitment. When the king demanded an answer, they were not

afraid to say that they committed to God already. Whenever God gives us an opportunity, we must boldly profess our faith. Nevertheless, even when we choose to do what is right, the Lord still allows trials/persecutions. Trust that God will vindicate us; the Holy Spirit will defend us. "Blessed are those who are persecuted in my name" (Matt. 5).

1.6 The three friends made the right choice. We always have a choice: do right vs easy; please God or ourselves; worship God or idols (anything other than God – money, family, success, approval, fame, title, comfort, influence, security, self, possessions, knowledge, time).

#### 2. God is a God of trials (2 Tim. 3:12). Faith that has been tested can be trusted. Why is faith tested?

2.1. To reveal & strengthen our faith, obedience and character (Gen. 22);

2.2. To humble us and to know what's in our heart (Deut. 8:2);

2.3. To produce patience, endurance (Jas.1:1-3);

2.4. To make us strong, steadfast (1Pet.5:10-11);

2.5. To know whether we love the Lord with all our heart and soul (Deut. 13:1-3);

2.6. To know whether we will keep the ways of the Lord and walk in them (Judges 2:22);

2.7. To purify us, remove impurities (1 Pt. 1:6-7);

2.8. To give God the glory (1 Pt. 5:7).

#### 3. The Furnace of Affliction (hatred, temptation, persecution) is not fun but is good for us.

3.1. The king commanded his soldiers to tie them up and increase the heat of the furnace.

3.2. In the TLF community, despite all the opposition and persecutions to the Elders, God's grace has made TLF reached 40 years and has built the Heritage (Ps. 37:6, Isa. 54:17, Matt. 5:10-11). When all kinds of trials come our way, we are fortunate; let us change our perspective, consider ourselves blessed, and give light and inspiration.

**God's people are a preserved people** (v24-27). The fire did not harm their bodies; instead, the ropes that bound them were burned. There was another in the fire; God was there. The king was amazed and promoted them. Trust God who keeps His promises.

**CONCLUSION:** Let us always count on God to see us through. When we pass through rivers or walk through fire, we will not be harmed.

**REFLECTION:** How is your faith today? Is your faith being tested? What idol/s do you worship?

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