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Discussion Guide “Faith-Filled Days” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter If you could give your current faith a one-to-five-star rating, what would you give it and why? What do you think could move someone’s faith from simply going through the motions to vibrant and faith-filled?

Sermon Summary

Our best days are not necessarily our easiest ones. Sometimes they’re the days we depend on God, even in the face of difficulty. Through the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we can discover what it means to have an “even if” faith that stands firm in opposition, trusts God with the outcome, and encounters His presence in the fire.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character? (Read some or all verses together.)

[Daniel 3:4–6](#)

[Daniel 3:28](#)

[1 Corinthians 2:9](#)

[Ephesians 3:20](#)

[Daniel 3:12–13](#)

[Hebrews 11:1](#)

[Matthew 17:20](#)

[Daniel 3:16–20](#)

[Romans 12:3](#)

[Job 13:15](#)

[Daniel 3:24–25](#)

[Revelation 3:16](#)

[Habakkuk 3:17–18](#)

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. How has opposition or difficulty strengthened your faith?
2. What convictions about God have you settled in your heart that help you remain faithful, even in difficult circumstances?
3. What’s the difference between an “only if” faith and an “even if” faith? Where do you see yourself in that distinction?

4. What does it look like to trust God with an outcome while still honestly bringing your desires and requests to Him?
5. How might your response to a difficult season change if you became more aware that Jesus is with you in the fire?

Go Deeper

1. Study [Genesis 22:1–14](#) (Abraham and Isaac). What does Abraham’s willingness to obey reveal about trusting God when we don’t understand His plan?
2. Study [Matthew 14:22–33](#) (Peter walks on water). What circumstances tend to capture your attention and make it harder to keep your focus on Jesus?
3. Study [Acts 16:16–34](#) (Paul and Silas in prison). What can their response teach us about worshipping God before our circumstances change?

Apply

1. Identify your “only if.” Consider where you may be tempted to trust God only if He answers a prayer or changes a circumstance the way you want.
2. Establish a conviction before the “fire.” Write down one truth about God’s character that you want to hold onto when life becomes difficult.
3. Practice faith before you’re given the answer. Choose one situation you’re praying about and intentionally thank and worship God while you wait.
4. Look for the fourth man. In the middle of a difficult circumstance, pause and ask, “Where might Jesus be present and at work in this situation?”

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

1. Ask God to move you from a passive, “three-star” faith into one that is growing, active, and fully alive.
2. Ask God to establish deep convictions about who He is so you can remain faithful when circumstances challenge you.
3. Ask for an “even if” faith that trusts God regardless of whether the outcome is what you hoped for.
4. Ask God to help you recognize His presence in every “fire” and allow your trials to become a testimony of His faithfulness.

Leadership Tip

The “three-star faith” illustration can invite meaningful conversation but avoid allowing it to become a comparison of who has the strongest faith. Encourage people to share honestly about where their faith feels strong, where it feels challenged, and what they’re learning to trust God with. Then point the group toward prayer rather than only discussion.