

Faith in Action/Faith Overcoming Fear

Lesson Title: Out of the fiery furnace: your will be done

Biblical Text(s): Hebrew 11; Daniel 3

1. How does our faith help us when demise is imminent?
2. How does facing our fears show others God is with us?
3. Does our faith convince us and others that no matter the outcome, it will be okay?

Introduction: When discussing the stories found in Hebrews 11, the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was one of the most popular with adults. It is perhaps one of the best 'Flannel Graph' stories of our youth. The characters are bold, brave, and without fault.

This is designed as a discussion lesson.

Read Daniel 3.

Some topics to discuss:

1. Are we willing to take a stand when the rest of the world seems to be going against God? (Verses 4-7)
2. In verses 16-18 our characters stand up to the king and say God will deliver them—and if he doesn't—so be it. How does our faith and/or fear shape the prayer "your will be done"?
3. In verse 25 we see someone else in the furnace with them. Who has God place in your life to help your faith?
4. And finally, we see Nebuchadnezzar worship God. How has facing your fear and pitfalls of life lead others to Faith?