

WONDERS

Title: **FAITH THAT GOD HONORS**

Date: **August 4, 2024**

Leader's Tips:

- S** - Sensitivity with others. No one should feel left out.
- P** - Participation is encouraged during discussion.
- A** - Acknowledge guests. Make them feel welcome.
- C** - Confidentiality is key. What is shared stays in the group.
- E** - Encourage the group to pray for one another.

WORSHIP: (15 mins)

Venue Option 1: Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

Venue Option 2: Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online, ask, "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week.

WELCOME:(15 mins): Welcome everyone in the group.

Ice-breaker: *Why didn't Daniel get hurt in the lion's den? Because those lions were on a Daniel fast!*

Quote: "Faith is not believing that God can; it is knowing that God will." — Benjamin Franklin

Key Verse: Daniel 6:23

WORD (30–45 mins) - Text: Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23

1. Honour God despite of the challenges that come your way – vv.10-11

Daniel lived a life honoring God everyday. He may be a captive, away from the land of his ancestors Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but he continued his practice of worshipping the true God! He knew that God commanded that every Israelite or Hebrew should never bow to anyone on earth, under the earth except the LORD! **Read Exodus 20:4-6**

Daniel reminds us to also prioritize prayer. V.10

Q: How important is prayer to you in your faith walk?

Q: Is God calling you to an even more intimate prayer life with him?

Like Daniel, be encouraged to honor God and He will show Himself strong on our behalf. Continue to depend on the Lord, the One who loves us with an everlasting love! No matter what the circumstances that come our way, as God's people, like Daniel, we need to continue to keep our faith and confident trust in the Lord. Our situations may seem to be overwhelming and it's easy to choose to give up but know that the Lord will honor us and reward us if we choose not to compromise.

Q: How can we remain faithful to God amidst pressures to compromise our Christian beliefs?

Q: How can we maintain our trust in God when we don't understand the reasons for our hardships?

2. Live for God and He will uphold you. – v.16-18, 20-23

The story of Daniel reminds us that we are never exempted from these things. There will be times we feel like we are being thrown in the lion's den! **Read vv.16-18.**

Daniel's experience proves that God rewards those who remain faithful to Him, even in the face of great risk and impending death. Daniel's deliverance underscores the importance of respecting and honoring God.

Q: Why do you think we sometimes face difficult situations even though we are God's children and followers of Jesus?

Q: What do you think is the purpose of the heartbreaking situations, trials, and injustices we experience in our lives?

If we remain faithful to God, no matter our circumstances, the God whom we serve will rescue us! God, by His grace, will bring us through heartaches, trials, and injustices because He is our God and will uphold us. When we stand firm in your faith, and God will show us a miracle! **Read vv.20-23**

Q: In what ways can our faith continue to grow stronger through the challenges and difficulties we encounter in life?

Daniel's miraculous deliverance from a brutal punishment highlights his faith and trust in God. His innocence before King Darius led to his rescue, despite a law demanding worship of the king, which violated God's command. Daniel remained loyal to God and stood firm in his faith, resulting in miraculous protection.

Conclusion: What challenges are you facing today that seem overwhelming, with no apparent way out? Consider these two things: Honor God despite the challenges that come your way. Live for God, and He will uphold you and will show you a miracle.

When we surrender our lives and place our faith in Christ, He becomes our strength, our Firm Foundation!

Q: What is your take-away from the discussion? Partner with someone in prayer.

WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

P- Pray for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?" (7mins.)

R- Remind to invite a friend on the next gathering.

A- Apply the message during the week.

Y- Yearn to share your faith with some one during the week.