

# **As Long as You Live By Faith... ...Your Faith WILL BE TESTED**

Faith demonstrated by Inactivity –

- having done all to stand-stand –God may be silent but never idle
- Sometimes it requires us to Step Forward in Faith (*Priests at Jordan*)

Faith Demonstrated by Activity

- Either way Faith Requires Courage- Not the Absence of Fear but the Sensing of God's Presence
- Either way Faith w/ out Works is Dead(*corpse*) –
- Both the Above are Works in Progress
- II. Fear Gives Many Opportunities
  - A. (15) Given a Second Chance - *"If you be ready..."*

## **Cheaper to Pay the Bully**

- There used to be this bully who would demand my lunch money (65¢) every day. Since I was smaller, I would give it to him.**
- Then I decided to fight back. I started taking karate lessons. But then the karate instructor said I had to start paying him five dollars a lesson.**
- So I just went back to paying the bully.**
- Too many people feel it is easier just to pay the bully than it is to learn how to defeat him.**



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**Daniel 3:10-18**

A painting depicting the biblical story of Daniel and his three friends in the fiery furnace. The four men are shown in white robes, standing in a circle and holding hands, surrounded by a bright, golden-yellow fire. The central figure is slightly more prominent, looking towards the viewer. The background is a warm, glowing orange and yellow, suggesting the intense heat of the furnace.

**Give Me a High Five...  
...Faith Facts**

**DRAIN  
NEED**



# DRAIN

**Satan Desires to**

- Strain Us
- Drain us
- Rearrange Us

**He Seeks to Destroy Our Faith**

**He Knows...**

- *Without faith it is imposs to please God*

**James 2:26 (NCV)**

*<sup>26</sup> Just as a person's body that does not have a spirit is dead, so faith that does nothing is dead!*

**Mark 2:5**

- *When Jesus saw their Faith...*

## **James 2:26**

**Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.**



**E**ngage: Choice takes action.

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<sup>16-18</sup> *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered King Nebuchadnezzar, “Your threat means nothing to us. If you throw us in the fire, the God we serve can rescue us from your roaring furnace and anything else you might cook up, O king. But even if he doesn’t, it wouldn’t make a bit of difference, O king. We still wouldn’t serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.”*

**Engage: Choice takes action.**





BREAKING

INTIMIDATION

# High Five #1

## *We are Not Careful to Answer Thee*

**We Need a Faith that...**

**...Cannot Be Threatened or Intimidated**

**...that Does Not Give in to Pressure**

- **The King was Trying to Intimidate Them**
  - **II Tim 1:7, Not given spirit of**
    - **Fear-** *timidity –faithless -fearful*
    - **Power-** *dunamis- power- ability*
    - **Love-** *the ability to love the unloveable*
    - **Sound Mind** –*ability to think under pressure*





## High Five #2

### 17 - *If It Be So...*

**We Need A Faith that Can...**

**...Stand Up in the Face of Reality**

o **Yes, You have the power to cast us into the furnace**

**Our Faith Needs to Face the Reality- We May Go Through The Fire**

*Isa 43:2, When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.*

# G O O D

is the reason why  
even in pain, I smile;  
in confusion, I understand;  
in betrayal, I trust;  
and in fear, I continue to fight.

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# **High Five #3**

## ***God Is Able to Deliver Us...***

**We Need a Faith that is...**

**...Always Subject to the Divine Will of God**

○ **Our lives are always subject to the Divine Will of God**

○ **These three men knew God was Able and we need a Faith that**

**...Knows God is able....**

**...also realizes that our Life is Subject to God's Divine Will**

**and we leave it all in His hands ..... That Takes Faith**



# **High Five #4**

## ***And Will Deliver Us Out Of Your Hand...***

**We Need a Faith that Knows...**

**...God Will Deliver Us from the Hand of the Enemy**

- **Difference between the Furnace and the Hand of the Enemy**
- **They First said “GOD IS ABLE” and then said “GOD WILL”**
- **They had resolved that if God’s will took them into the Furnace,**

**...He Could Deliver them From the king**





But  
Even  
If He  
Does  
Not...

Daniel 3:18

## High Five #5

***But If Not....We Will Not Serve Thy Gods***

**We Need a Faith that Will Be...**

**...Committed to God Regardless of Outcome**

- Too many people put conditions on God
- “I’ll serve you if....., I’ll follow you if....., I’ll live for you if
- “BUT IF NOT” faith says “I’ll serve you regardless...
  - It takes a strong faith to say “But if not...”
  - It takes complete trust and security in God



# Delivered Through ..Not From

## **Their Hebrew Names Were Their Testimony**

- **Shadrach- Hananiah**= *Jehovah has favored*
- **Meshach- Mishael**= *Who is like God*
- **Abednego- Azariah**= *Jehovah has helped*

*The proof—the Son of God walking with them*

## **• Furnace had No Power Over Them**

- **Hair Not Singed**
- **Coats Not Changed**
- **No Smell**