

Victory Connect Lesson
Unsafe Faith
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Key Passage: Daniel 3 :1-28

1. Everyone in the kingdom was commanded to bow.
[Dan 3:4-5 KJV] 4...To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, 5 ...ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:

2. The astrologers accused the Jews of refusing to bow.
[Dan 3:12 KJV] 12 There are certain Jews...these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

4. God promises to be with us in the most trying times.
[Isa 43:2 KJV] 2 When thou passest through the waters, I [will be] with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

5. Trials come to test (prove) our faith.
[1Pet 1:6,7 NLT] 6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold...

6. The Hebrews showed; character, competence, compassion, commitment, charisma, courage, and conviction. [Rev 12:11 KJV] 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

7. They were gloriously delivered!
[Dan 3:28 KJV]...Blessed [be] the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word...

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you taken a stand that was challenged?
2. Share a time God delivered you from a threat.
3. Will you follow God when life does not go your way?

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