

# When Faith Isn't Easy

## Have faith, God is working in you!

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***The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God. (Dan. 6:23)***

THE STORY OF DANIEL in the lions' den is one of the most dramatic stories of the Old Testament. The lesson is clear: When facing conflict and persecution, we are to remain faithful to God. Daniel was a faithful worker who rose to a place of prominence. Evil men became jealous and devised a plan to trap Daniel. Their plan depended on Daniel being faithful. Even his enemies knew that the only way they could trap him was by making a law that made his faithfulness illegal.

Daniel spent the night in a den with lions, and God saved him. That moment changed a kingdom. King Darius issued a new law stating not only that Jews would be allowed to pray to God, but everyone in the kingdom must fear and revere the God of Daniel. Being faithful to God is one of the hardest things you will have to do. Having faith that God is totally in control of our lives and things are happening according to His plan is difficult. When our situations fall apart, it is easy to feel as though God has abandoned us, so we lose faith in Him. Instead, we need to keep faith and trust that He is still the sovereign God over all of the earth.

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We need to trust that through trials and troubles, He is trying to accomplish something in us. If we miss the opportunity to be faithful, we may never get the chance to repeat it.

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*\*Jeff Hughes lives in Nebraska with his wife, Sarah, and their three kids. They spend weekends outdoors, hiking, camping, and skiing.*

### December 3, 2017

FOCUS Wesleyan Church

Special guest: Rev. Aaron Sherman

#### Sermon Notes:

**Reflection:** What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of worshipping at FOCUS?

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The Word of God directs us as we consider what the **next step** is for our lives. What is your next step? What biblical truth has the Word of God spoken to you today? What action steps must you take today or this week to obey what the Holy Spirit is speaking?

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**Challenge:** This week I will pray for following unsaved friends or family members:

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### ***Communion at FOCUS***

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion which means all are invited to receive. We receive communion elements by intinction. Tearing off a small piece of the loaf of bread, dipping it in the communion glass of juice, and then consuming it immediately. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies.

### ***Wednesday Night Meal***

We would like to invite you and your family to join us for supper this Wednesday night. We are going to be having chili. You have been invited to come and share a delicious meal and uplifting fellowship with us.

### ***Special offering during the month of December for Noah's Ark Orphanage***

Consider visiting Promise Kids a Future website to learn how you can be involved:

**[promisekidsafuture.org](http://promisekidsafuture.org)**

### ***Fellowship meal following morning service***

We will be sharing a meal following the morning worship service and you are invited!!!



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THE MIRACLE OF JESUS

JOHN 1:29