

Unshakable Faith!

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Faith Statement:

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1. COURAGE: To do what’s most important.

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I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

2. CONFIDENCE: In the God who is able.

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Such confidence we have through Christ before God.⁵ Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. 2 Corinthians 3:4-5

3. COMMITMENT: To follow Jesus no matter what.

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Commit everything you do to the LORD.

Trust him, and he will help you.

Psalm 37:5 NLT

The Result:

1. God comes through.

He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

Daniel 3:25

There is no other god who can rescue like this!

Daniel 3:29b

2. God protects.

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

Daniel 3:26-27

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Isaiah 43:2a

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