

FAITH HEROES

“Producing Character in a Crisis”

Getting Started

Have you ever had to stand up against a popular decision?

Share a story about a time when you were the only one in a group who did not do something because it seemed wrong to you.

Brainstorm as a group a list of things our society pressures us to bow down to today.

Going Deeper

Looking back at this week’s teaching on character, was there anything that surprised you or particularly caught your attention?

When it comes to character most of us don’t plan on messing up our lives. Unfortunately compromise works subtly at taking us step by step, little by little to entice us into failing.

Though we may not have someone in power insist that we bow down to a 90’ tall golden image, we do have challenges to our faith.

Read

▶ [Daniel 3:12](#)

▶ [Isaiah 43:1-2](#)

▶ [Exodus 20:3](#)

Discuss some fears that challenge our faith.

These young boys were fortunate that they had each other to go through these trials.

Scripture talks about the strength of friendships and not doing life alone.

[Galatians 6:2](#)

Share an experience in your life when you wished you had someone with you but you were alone?

How does having a network/ community of believers help you in difficult times?
Pauls favorite part of this story is their boldness.

*When they said, "18 But even if he does not, we want you to know,
Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship
the image of gold you have set up.""*

In this story, God performed an amazing miracle but there are many times in scriptures when God is silent.

Sometimes God does not perform the miracle you seek.

What will you do if He says, "No"?

Can you say, "But if not, I'll still love Him. I'll still trust Him. I'll still serve Him."

How can focusing the presence of God, not the presents of God change our stance?

These boys put their faith out there on full display.

It was a testimony of their walk with God.

How does it make you feel when you let others know:

- ▶ your kids attend Awana?
- ▶ your kids go to Oasis?
- ▶ you've been on a missions trip?
- ▶ you help feed homeless?
- ▶ you attend church on Sundays?

Is this what it means to put your faith on display, and how does it impact your character?

How do you display your faith to others?

Character is never built in a classroom. Character is built in the circumstances of life.

If you're up to it...take a minute to share confidentially with your small group...

-What Furnace are you facing?

-What frightens you to the point of compromise?

Take a few minutes to pray for each other.