Series: The Prophecy of Daniel

Title: The Stand of Faith

Text: Daniel 3

I. <u>Introduction</u>:

A. Time Frame: (Vs 1)

B. Force Compliance: (Vs 2-7)

(Jn 3:19) (Matt 7:13) (Heb 11:1-2, 6)

Peter tells us that it normal for our faith to be tested.

(1 Pet 1:7)(1 Pet 4:12-16)

II. Faith ON Fire:

- A. True Faith doesn't Camouflage: (Vs 8-12)
 - **1. It is Conspicuous:** (Matt 5:14-16)(Rom 12:2) (1 Peter 2:9-10)
 - 2. We are the People Of God: (2 Cor 6:16)

Shows Ownership and Identity: (Jer 7:23) (Jn 8:31)

Called by His name: (2 Chr 7:14) Embody His Character: (Phil 2:2-8)

- B. True Faith doesn't Camouflage: (Vs 8-12)
 - 1. It Confronts Evil & Brings God Glory: (Matt 5:16)
- III. Faith Under Fire: (Vs 13-18)
 - A. True Faith doesn't Compromise:

It Confesses the Lord: (1 Pet 2:19-20)

We are to Stand Out, Even if We Stand Alone

(Ex 20:3,5-6)

B. True Faith doesn't Compromise:

It Carry's Through: (Vs 16-17)

(1 Pet 4:12-19) Suffering for Righteousness

(Vs 18) "And If NOT" (Job 13:15) (1 Pet 2:19-20)

(Phil 1:19-20)

What if God Doesn't choose to Miraculously deliver you?

(Heb 11:32-40)

(Vs 32-35a) The Miraculous Deliverances: Upside of Faith (Vs 35b-40) The Murderous Deliverances: Downside of Faith

IV. Faith In the Fire: (Vs 19-25)

True Faith doesn't Capitulate: (Vs 19-20) (Job 23:10) It Confirms the Promises: (Is 43:1-2)

V. Faith Out of the Fire: (Vs 26-30)

True Faith doesn't Concede:

It Confounds the Pagans: (1 Pet 3:15-17)

How Strong is Your Faith?

How Confident are you in God's Character?