

Sunday Sermon Questions • 8/2/2026

Daniel: Uncommon Faith in an Evercompromising World

Standing Firm When It's Costly

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to the golden statue even though they knew it could cost them their lives. What are some modern-day situations where following Jesus may require us to stand against the culture, and what makes those moments so difficult?

Faith Beyond the Outcome

One of the most powerful statements in the chapter is, "But even if He does not..." What does it look like to trust God even when He doesn't answer our prayers the way we hope? Share a time when your faith was tested by an unexpected outcome.

The Danger of Pride

Nebuchadnezzar's pride led him to make irrational decisions that hurt the people around him. How can pride show up in our own lives, and what are some practical ways we can recognize and guard against it before it causes damage?

Another in the Fire

The sermon reminds us that God doesn't always keep us out of the fire, but He promises to be with us in it. When have you experienced God's presence during a difficult season? How did that experience strengthen your faith?

Living an Uncommon Faith

The sermon ends by challenging believers to transform their everyday places into sacred spaces where people can connect to Christ. What is one specific place in your life (work, school, neighborhood, family, or community) where God may be calling you to live out an uncommon faith this week? What would that practically look like?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, give us the courage to stand firm in our faith, even when following You is difficult or unpopular. Help us to trust You completely, knowing that whether You deliver us from the fire or walk with us through it, Your presence is enough. Use our lives to point others to You as we faithfully live out an uncommon faith in an ever-compromising world. Amen.

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Daniel 3:1–30

Exodus 20:3–5

3“You shall have no other gods before me.

4“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Matthew 5:14–16

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 28:19–20

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”