

**"Ways to be Faithful"**  
Daniel 3:18 (page 782)  
Tuesday Bible Lunch  
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**Introduction:** One of the areas in the life of a Christian that should grow is faithfulness. My faithfulness to God should be stronger than it was when I became a Christian (71 years ago).

- Faithfulness is one of the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).
- Faithfulness conveys the idea of being reliable, loyal, devoted, dependable, trustworthy, unwavering.
- The opposite of faithfulness is the flesh is lazy, uncommitted, undependable, unreliable.
- The Bible says:
  1. That God is faithful (1 Cor.1:9).
  2. That Moses was faithful (Numbers 12:7).
  3. That a faithful man will abound with blessings (Proverbs 28:20).

Today, I want us to look at three men in the Bible that were faithful and learn from them.

**Text:** Daniel 3:18

**Background:**

1. As a teenager, possibly about 15 years old, Daniel, three of his friends and some others were deported to Babylon to be brainwashed into Babylonian culture.

2. Daniel and his three friends became political leaders in two world empires (Babylonian—2:48,49 and Mede-Persian- 6:1-2).
3. Daniel spent the remainder of his life (85 or more years) there.

The Babylonian people resented Jewish people being political leaders over them, so they set up a trap (3:8-12).

The big test came to Daniels three friends from King Nebuchadnezzar (3:13-15).

Daniels three friends show us how to be faithful when facing tests in life (3:16-18).

**1. They did not come up with excuses for not trusting God.**

- They could have said to themselves that bowing down to the golden idol will not hurt anything if in our heart we are not worshipping the golden idol.
- After all the King had complete authority over their life.

**The Problem:** Destroyed their Christian witness for God.

**Application:** Golden idols are not our problem. We “bow down” to other things in the post-Christian culture in which we live.

- They could have said to themselves that they could just bow down this one time and then ask God’s forgiveness.

**The Problem:** Lack of repentance and brokenness.

- The could have said to themselves that their ancestors set up idols in the temple and bowing down to the golden idol is not half as bad.

**The Problem:** This is righteousness based on others instead of God’s Word.

**Conclusion:** Faithfulness is like the muscles in our bodies. The more you use faithfulness the stronger it becomes.

- Trust God for little things and He makes a way.
- Keep doing this and when big things come do the same thing.

The Bible says, “The faithful man will abound with blessings (Proverbs 28:20). I saw a good example of this Saturday. (To hear the story, listen to the message on the church web page [www.fbp.org](http://www.fbp.org)).