

In the book of Daniel, because three Hebrew teenagers refused to bow down to the king's golden statue, they were thrown into a fiery furnace. They said: "The God we serve is able to deliver us from the fire, but even if He does not, we will not worship the image of gold." Miraculously, they not only survived, but came out unharmed and without even the smell of smoke on them.

There are two kinds of faith. There is delivering faith, when our all-powerful God instantly takes you out of the problem, and keeps you *out of* the fire. Then there is sustaining faith, when God makes you fireproof and takes you *through* the fire as the pathway to your destiny. Most of the time, you are going to need sustaining faith for when you don't see anything improving, when the opposition's bigger etc. The good news is that God is sustaining and strengthening you through the trouble, through the sickness, through the breakup etc. Stay in peace. Trust Him that you are in the middle of your miracle. You *are* going to come out without the smell of smoke on you.

Daniel 3:28 "Then Nebuchadnezzar said: 'Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent His angel and rescued His servants! They trusted in Him and defied the king's command, and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.'"