

Heroic Confidence

Even If

When a person has confidence, they are entrusting themselves to another. Christian hope is not centered around an idea; it is focused on a Person. One of the things we know about God is that God is always faithful. One of the ways we grow in heroic confidence is by remaining faithful even if we are not delivered.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the worst sun-burn you have ever had? If you have never been sun-burned, what is the worst burn you have experienced?
 2. The early Christians were often persecuted, lost everything, or even killed. Where do you imagine they received the confidence to persevere in Faith? Please describe.
 3. The names of Hananiah, Azariah, and Mishael all mean something. They were meant to be reminders of the God who loves them. Do you know the meaning of your name? What is the story behind it? Does it mean anything to you personally? Why or why not? Discuss.
 4. The three young men in the fiery furnace were committed to obeying God even in “small things” (like the dietary laws of Israel). Do you sometimes overlook (or ignore) the “small teachings” of the Bible or the Church? Why or why not? (And c’mon, be honest here.)
 5. Many people pray to God or serve God with conditions. “I will belong to You, God, if You do such and such for me.” Do you ever find yourself falling into this deadly trap? How do you recover?
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God in Real Life

1. This week, be committed to doing the things you know that you need to do. Renew your decision to serve, obey, and love the Lord even if you do not receive what you are asking for.
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To the Heart

“But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” ~Daniel 3:18