International Fellowship of Christians
For Christ and His Kingdom · Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Home Fellowship Outline
WEEK 22 · 2026

2026 THEME
Transformed to Bear Much Fruit

THIS WEEK'S STUDY

Faith Under Fire

Daniel 3 & 6 · Matthew 14:22–33 · 1 Samuel 1

I Introduction

Every believer will face seasons of pressure, trials, disappointments, and challenges. The Christian life is not exempt from difficulties. However, God often uses pressure to strengthen, refine, and prove our faith. Throughout Scripture we see men and women who remained faithful to God despite difficult circumstances.

II Faithful Under Pressure

Daniel

Faced opposition because of his commitment to prayer.

DANIEL 6

Peter

Experienced fear and doubt while walking on water.

MATTHEW 14:22–33

Hannah

Endured years of disappointment and ridicule because of her barrenness. When God came through for her, she was careful to fulfil her vow.

1 SAMUEL 1

Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego

Faced the threat of death because they refused to compromise their faith.

DANIEL 3

GOD WALKS WITH US IN THE FIRE

Genuine faith is not merely demonstrated when life is easy, but when circumstances are difficult. Faith grows stronger when it is tested. More importantly, God does not abandon His children in the fire; He walks with them through it.

As believers today, we also encounter pressure from family challenges, financial difficulties, health concerns, workplace demands, cultural influences, and spiritual battles. These faithful servants teach us how to remain steadfast and trust God in every season. The discussion that follows will help us uncover practical habits and mindsets that equip every generation (children, teenagers, and adults alike) to remain unshakeable when testing comes.

III Discussion Questions

1. In Daniel 6:10, Daniel's daily habits prepared him to face extreme spiritual and political pressure without compromising. Why is consistency in our private disciplines (prayer, Scripture, fellowship) so critical **before** a crisis hits? How can we protect these habits from being eroded by modern daily distractions?
2. In Matthew 14:22–33, Peter walked on water while focused on Jesus, but became afraid and began to sink the moment he shifted his gaze to the wind and waves. Practically, how can we intentionally keep our focus on, and trust in, Christ, to keep fear, doubt, and other devices of the devil out of our lives?
3. *Hannah (a):* How does Hannah's vulnerability through her tears reshape your understanding of prayer during seasons of deep distress? Do our tears, emotions, and pain move God? (Exodus 3:9)
4. *Hannah (b):* Why do believers sometimes hold back from expressing their pain or anguish to God, even though the Word says to cast our cares on Him (1 Peter 5:7)?
5. *Hannah (c):* Why do believers not trust each other to share their pain for support, despite the admonition to bear with one another and to confess our sins to one another to be healed (Colossians 3:13; James 5:16)?
6. *Hannah (d):* Hannah fulfilled her vow to God, and He blessed her with five more children. How important is fulfilling our vows? Share your thoughts (Ecclesiastes 5:4; 1 Samuel 2:5).
7. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego (Daniel 3) declared an "even if He does not" faith when facing the fiery furnace, refusing to bow to a golden image. What are some golden images of our day, and how can we support one another within our cell fellowships and Christian communities to stand firm?

MEMORY VERSE

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

JAMES 1:2–3 (NIV)

✷ ACTION POINT

Identify one area where you feel you are currently "under fire" or facing intense pressure (family, health, workplace, or personal walk). Commit this week to establishing one consistent daily habit or protective focus that will anchor your faith.

Conclusion

The lives and testimonies of Daniel, Peter, Hannah, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego demonstrate that faith in God can withstand pressure and the fires of our day. Faith that stands firm in the fire is developed through consistent devotion and unwavering focus on Christ through pain and waiting. Whatever fire we may face, God remains present, faithful, and powerful. As we trust Him and remain steadfast, our faith is strengthened, our character is refined, and God is glorified through our lives.