



And even if not

AT A GLANCE

	Bible	Daniel 3:13–28
	Topic	Faithfulness without conditions
	Takeaway	Conscience before obedience

 10–15 minutes

 Object: a tea light

 Preparation: 10 min

 indoors or by the fire

 **Make it personal:** In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic “Faithfulness without conditions”. Real stories stick best.

How the devotion works

2 min

Opening

Light the tea light. Ask: Is there anything for which you would be willing to get into trouble with authorities?

3 min

Bible text

Read Daniel 3:13–28. Three young men refuse to worship the golden statue. They say: God can save us. “But even if he does not” – we will still not worship the statue.

5 min

Thought

“Even if not” is one of the strongest phrases in the Bible. Faith here is not a deal and not a guarantee of success, but faithfulness without conditions. In the fire a fourth figure stands with them. Again and again Christians have appealed to this story when they resisted unjust orders.

5 min

Conversation

Where does our time demand that we bow to “golden statues” – money, success, image?



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Prayer to read aloud

God, even if you do not act the way I wish, I want to stay faithful to you. Be with me in my fire. Amen.



To think further

- When is disobedience towards the state justified (compare Acts 5:29)?
- Can you pray “even if not”?



For leaders

- Leave room for doubts and critical questions – an honest conversation matters more than a quick answer.
- As a leader, feel free to share a personal experience.
- With heavy topics, keep an eye on who is struggling and be available afterwards.



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