



# BUT IF NOT



## Daniel 3:15-18

**15** Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; well:

## Daniel 3:15-18

**15**but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?

## Daniel 3:15-18

**<sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. (KJV)**

**...we have no need to answer you in this matter. (ESV)**

## Daniel 3:15-18

**17**If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.

## Daniel 3:15-18

<sup>18</sup>**But if not**, be it known unto thee,  
O king, that we will not serve thy  
gods, nor worship the golden  
image which thou hast set up.

# AKA:

- Serving God when I don't understand
- When God does not act like I think He should



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Have faith in  
God...

based on past  
experience

# 1. based on past experience

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## Psalm 105:5

<sup>5</sup>Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;



# 1. based on past experience

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## Deuteronomy 8:2

<sup>2</sup>And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee,



# 1. based on past experience

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## Deuteronomy 8:2

<sup>2</sup>and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.



# 1. based on past experience

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## Hebrews 1:1

<sup>1</sup>God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,



# 1. based on past experience

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## Psalm 111:4

<sup>4</sup>He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.



# Have faith in God...

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Have faith in  
God...

He is all  
knowing



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

**<sup>1</sup>O LORD, thou hast searched me,  
and known me.**



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>2</sup>Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>3</sup>Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>4</sup>For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

**<sup>5</sup>Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.**



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

**<sup>7</sup>Whither shall I go from thy spirit?  
or whither shall I flee from thy  
presence?**



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>8</sup>If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.





# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

⁹If I take the wings of the morning,  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of  
the sea;



# 2. He is all knowing

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## Psalm 139:1-10

<sup>10</sup>Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.



# Have faith in God...

1. based on past experience
2. He is all knowing

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Have faith in  
God...

He is under no  
obligation *(to work  
like I think He should)*

# 3. He is under no obligation

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Romans 11:35 (KJV)

<sup>35</sup>Or who hath first given to him,  
and it shall be recompensed unto  
him again?



# 3. He is under no obligation

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Romans 11:35 (NIV)

<sup>35</sup>“Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”



# 3. He is under no obligation

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## Job 1:21

**21 And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither:**



# 3. He is under no obligation

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## Job 1:21

<sup>21</sup>the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.





# 3. He is under no obligation

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## Psalm 46:1

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.



# 3. He is under no obligation

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## Proverbs 19:21 (KJV)

<sup>21</sup>There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.



# 3. He is under no obligation

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## Proverbs 19:21 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup>Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.



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Have faith in  
God...

He is our  
hope

# 4. He is our hope

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## Romans 15:13

<sup>13</sup>Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.



# 4. He is our hope

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## Psalm 31:24

<sup>24</sup>Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.



# 4. He is our hope

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## Joel 3:16

**<sup>16</sup>The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake:**





# 4. He is our hope

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Joel 3:16

<sup>16</sup>but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.



# 4. He is our hope

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## 1 Timothy 1:1

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and LORD Jesus Christ, which is our hope;



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3. He is under no obligation
4. **He is our hope**