

**AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

**Topic: Even If He Doesn't**  
**Text: Daniel 3:1-17**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**  
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**Introduction**

Without a doubt, God answers prayer. We have seen too much evidence and testimonies of breakthroughs, healing, miracles, favor, provision to deny that. On the other hand, we have all had prayers and supplications we made that did not go exactly how we wanted it to. Whether it is a loss of a loved one, an illness where healing did not occur, finances, marriage, relationships, business failures or loss, disappointment is not strange to most of us. However, what happens when our prayers go unanswered? What happens when we experience loss? In those times do we doubt God's goodness?

This bible study seeks to describe and examine a radical kind of faith God wants us to have. An "Even If He Doesn't" faith. A kind of faith that remains unwavering in the midst of unanswered prayers and in the shadow of the valley.

*"<sup>17</sup>... the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, your majesty. <sup>18</sup>But even if He doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, your majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up." – Daniel 3:17-18.*

God may not always remove us from our trials, but He walks us through them. Psalm 23:4.

**Understanding the implications of "Even If He Doesn't"**

1. "Even If He doesn't" will involve a decision to put God first even if you stand a chance of losing everything or even death. vs. 12.
2. "Even If He doesn't" will involve refusing to give in to peer pressure or what everyone else thinks is right. vs. 13-15.
3. "Even If He doesn't" will require you to refuse to give in to the pressure of others and do what is popular. vs.13-15
4. "Even If He doesn't" requires a kind of faith that does not care about the consequences.
5. "Even If He doesn't" still trusts when prayers are not answered our way. vs. 19-23.

6. “Even If He doesn’t” believes that God is working all things together for our good. vs. 26-30.

### **Other Biblical examples of “Even If He Doesn’t” Faith**

1. Apostle Paul
  - a. Thorn of Flesh. 2 Corinthians 12: 7-9
  - b. His time in prison

*What can we learn from how Paul responded to unanswered prayers?*

Sometimes God allows things we don’t understand to accomplish something greater than we can imagine.

2. Job. Job 2:9. Job 13:15 (NKJV)

*What can we learn from how Job demonstrated an “Even if He Doesn’t” faith?*

### **How can we cultivate an “Even If He Doesn’t” Faith**

1. It is built over a period of time and with maturity
  - Sometimes you do not know what God is doing but you know who He is
2. Understand that His ways are higher than our ways and is not confined to human understanding
  - *“For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your thoughts”. - Isaiah 55:9.*
3. Trials of life, persecution and hardships. Romans 5:3-5
4. Recognition of the sovereignty of God
  - Allow God to be God instead of expecting Him to act or think like we should
5. Community and Accountability: The Early Church
6. Prayer

**Conclusion:** “Even If He Doesn’t” kind of faith is not contingent upon receiving what we want, but in knowing who God is, a loving and Sovereign Father who walks with us through every trial. God is able, but even if He doesn’t, He is still good; He is still God; He still loves us.