

Flawed People Show Us Faith

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The Sufferings of Faith 32-40

- We can guess many 'unnamed'... Daniel; Shadrach...
- Not attractive things: torture; etc.
- We tend to think of the will of God as something we do
- The will of God sometimes is something we must bear for His glory in this fallen world^{2Cor12:7-10}
- God's ways are not our ways^{Isa55:8-9}, but remember God's ways are for His purposes not our comfort
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- We have Jesus - the promise of God fulfilled unlike the saints of the OT: rest in faith in Jesus' work on your behalf!

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