

# Defiant Faith

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### Introduction

- Suffering Christians around the world
- The word *martyr* comes from a word which means *witness*
- A Bible college in Bangladesh
- Christians in Indonesia

Barnabas Fund works with Christian minorities around the world providing practical support and aid.

As the clouds around the world begin to gather and the powers of darkness extend their influence, we the followers of Jesus Christ in this generation must ready ourselves to give an account for the faith and hope we have (1 Peter 3:15).

### DANIEL CHAPTER 3

Believers under pressure. Verses 17 and 18: ***If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. <sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.*** Surely this is one of the great faith statements of the Old Testament.

Verses 1-7 – it's about dictatorship and totalitarian leadership.

Verses 8-15, there's inevitability some opposition. No believer can ever afford to relax, because frankly we don't know when the crisis is going to come and when we'll find ourselves on the ropes.

If you are new or visiting; *a special warm welcome to you.* We trust you enjoy your time with us.

Today we will be having communion. If it is your practice to participate in this we welcome you to join with us in celebrating the Lord's Supper. If this is not your custom or if you are unsure of what to do please just pass the emblems (bread and wine) to the person next to you.

### THE PLAN

Singing
Worship
Quick Break
Singing
Children to Sunday school
Dr. Julian Dobbs

### *This Week*

#### Today

- Defiant Faith - Dr. Julian Dobbs
- Japanese Christian Fellowship - 5pm

#### Friday

- Women's Prayer Meeting - 98 Glenross St at 11:30am
- Youth Group - Meet at the corner chapel at 6:30pm

### *Next Week*

#### Sunday

- Psalms 119 - John Hannah
- Japanese Christian Fellowship - Baptism - Queens Drive at 5pm

### *Prayer Requests*

- Pray for next weeks service
- Pray for those currently travelling overseas
- Pray mission endeavours in New Zealand

Verses 16-18, we discover the tenacity of faith - Psalm 42

Verse 25. God is in the crisis - Psalm 23

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## Small Groups

### Tuesday

- Ladies Home Group - see Laura Hannah 473-7954
- Mornington Home Group - see Jonathan Gauntlett 453-4195
- Central Home Group - see Steve Clark 479-2070

### Wednesday

- Pine Hill Home Group - see John Hannah 473-7954

### Thursday

- Brockville Home Group - see Geoffrey Stewart 476-7888

### Friday

- Halfway Bush Home Group - see Gideon Chang 476-7101

## NOTICES

- 1) If you would like to receive **copies of the information** that is sent to the church and often finds its way to the foyer please email Zibi John to advise him you would like to receive this. [zbjohn@gmail.com](mailto:zbjohn@gmail.com)
- 2) Next week, **Japanese Christian Fellowship** will celebrate the **baptism** of Sachika. The service will be held at Queens Drive Gospel Hall from 5:00pm next Sunday (July 30th) and will be followed by a shared dinner.
- 3) Following the JCF baptism and shared tea next week, **Dr. Deane Woods** from the **Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry** Inc. will report on the work of the Friends of Israel, and give current comments and updates on the Middle East and Israel. Deane comes with a life-time of teaching, pastoring and lecturing, and a keen interest in Biblical Prophecy and the people of Israel. Dr. Woods will speak at Queens Drive Gospel Hall from 7:00pm next Sunday (July 30th).
- 4) **FAIRY LIGHTS NEEDED!** If you have any Christmas lights or fairy lights that you are happy to lend out for a week or two, please contact Nathan or Rachel Pettigrew on 473-9326.
- 5) **Age Concern** is calling for **volunteers** for their 'Friendly Voices' services. This is a free telephone service the aim of which is to enhance the well-being and quality of life of older people who are socially isolated. See Alan Knight for a pamphlet and more details if you are interested in volunteering.
- 6) The content needs to be updated on the **website**. Alan/Zibi are looking for up to date information, some photographs are required for the site. If you have any information pertaining to The Cornerstone church activities that you would like included please see Alan Knight or Zibi John.
- 7) **Giving by automatic payment** can be made into the following account - **Wray Street Gospel Chapel 030903 0379365 00**. Envelope numbers for donations can be obtained from Fienie or Sue.