#### Disappointed?

by Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Disappointment is something that is difficult to deal with, isn't it? Face it, there are a lot of disappointments in this life. Some are bigger than others, but all are hurtful to us. Disappointed in the preacher? Remember he is human, with all the concerns and problems just like men everywhere.

the Lord that has not been disappointed and discourat Moses and you will see one who was close to the cause God, and God alone, didn't disappoint them. Lord and yet, at times he was miserable with disapthey trusted the Lord and endured by faith.

in the fire to die.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were not the 18:21-22. only Jews that were captives in Babylon. There were feared the order of the king and went along. There had way that we should handle the situation? The preacher ter go through the motions of bowing to the image to avoid death. Wouldn't Shadrach, Meshach, and Abedthat everyone else has. Ministers have wants, needs, down to worship the image? They might have been pointing to those who try to do what they can to serve concerns, hurts, anger, weaknesses, faults and failures called crazy, or a lot worse, but they feared God more the Lord. So, the preacher, like everyone else, can be I don't believe that there has ever been a believer in and supported by their brethren they were left to face aged at some time, or times, in his, or her, life. Look They endured the fire and the anger of the king bego on."

pointment with the way things were going and with hurts. It may be by what they have done, or by what we have been disappointed and hurt by others, but the people. Joseph, Daniel, and the other people of the they didn't do. What do we do when people hurt us by don't think that maybe we have been a disappointment bible faced the same trials, and worse, that we do, but their actions and words? Do we get angry and break to someone else. Yes, it can and does happen that we, Can't you imagine the scene as the faithful of the them? The Lord Jesus told us to forgive our brother may say, or do something that offends someone else. bible were tested for their faith? Take Shadrach, Me- who had offended us. This was not to be done once, but If and when that happens what will we do about it? shach, and Abednego for an example. In Daniel chap- as many times as he asked forgiveness and repented. When we realize that an offense has occurred we need ter three all of the people were ordered to worship "Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall to go to the offended party and ask for forgiveness. And the image of gold set up by the king. Anyone who my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven in every case we, both sides, need to ask God to forgive dared to disobey the king's order was to be thrown times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until and to help us all as we go through this life.

seven times: but, Until seventy times seven," Matthew

What if it is the preacher who has disappointed many others who were in the same position, but they and offended us? Does that change anything, or the to be some who told the three men that they had bet- is just a man after all. He is sometimes disappointed in people who do not take the word of God seriously. When folks forsake the church and refuse to serve, or nego have been disappointed to see all the others bow to do anything, but come once in awhile it is disapthan they did the king. Instead of being encouraged offended and can offend others. As someone has said, "We are a family and in a family there are times that we the wrath of the king, standing in the faith of the Lord. have conflict. We have to love one another, forgive and

There is one more thought to consider on the sub-Sometimes we are disappointed in people and it ject of being disappointed. We usually think about how fellowship with them, or try to understand and forgive in a moment of anger, hurt, passion, greed, or whatever,

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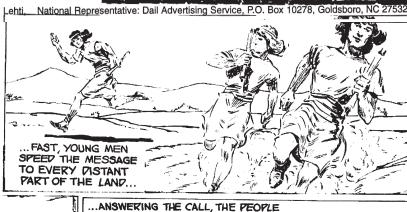
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