

# Felted for Jesus

*Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised.*  
*Hebrews 10:36*

Wool felts with water and agitation which causes the scales on the wool to swell, rub against each other and bind together. This process creates a denser, shrunken fabric. Felting is the name of the process that give us the finished product.

Have you ever noticed in Bible stories that a person is often put in situations that can be described as “agitating”, often “rubbing against” someone or something? In the end they become stronger in the Lord.

Think about King David. Before he slew Goliath, before he became king, he was a shepherd boy. How did David know he could take down Goliath? By the many years he spent protecting the sheep from wolves, bears and other torments. He had been in danger, in agitating situations, many times and had learned how to handle himself. (see *1 Samuel 17:12-30*)

What about Shadrach, Meshach and Abendnego? Imagine the agitation they felt standing in a fiery furnace. (see *Daniel 3*)

Ruth went through the loss of her husband, leaving her family and hometown. She cared for her mother-in-law and moved to a country where she was an unwanted foreigner. She went on to be a part of the lineage of Jesus Christ. (Read the biblical book of *Ruth* for the full story)

Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers. He gained the confidence of the Pharaoh and was promoted to being second in command. He was imprisoned when Pharaoh's wife falsely accused him of rape and still, years later, he was back in a position of authority again. Talk about being agitated.

What other Bible persons can you name? How about persons in your life you have witnessed experience this “felting” in their life? Do you remember Martin and Gracia Burnham? They were missionaries from Kansas who served in the Phillippines. They were captured and held hostage for over a year by a militant group of Muslims in 2001. Martin was killed during their rescue. (You can read the story in Gracia’s book [In the Presence of My Enemies](#). You can also read more about this on her website [GraciaBurnham.org](http://GraciaBurnham.org) .) They endured because they were “felted” with the Lord.

How have you been “felted”? Have people around you created the hot water and agitation in your life? God doesn't give you the people you want, He gives you the people you NEED - to help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you and to make you into the person you were meant to be.

Can these discouraging periods of our times remove us from God?  
Read Romans 8:35-39.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or  
famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is  
written: "For Your sake we are killed all day  
long; We are accounted as sheep for the  
slaughter. Yet in all these things we are more  
than conquerors through Him who loved us. For  
I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor  
angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things  
present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth,  
nor any other created thing, shall be able to  
separate us from the love of God which is in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Once a piece is felted it cannot be torn. It can be cut and shaped as desired. Once you are felted with God, nothing can rip you away from Him.

Are you "felted" into Jesus?

## Stitched in prayer this week

- Memorize *Hebrews 10:36*: *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.*
- What specific “felting” situation are you in now?
- A felted project must be agitated, washed in hot water, agitated more and rinsed in cool water then formed and laid to dry. How is God “felting” you to become a person He can use?
- God is ready to felt you into a someone who will share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Journal how you will respond.