

When Your World is Shaken

Daniel – Week 1

(Daniel 1:1-7)

Tips for Life's Test

1) Don't be surprised

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you." 1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you WILL have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NLT)

"The Lord allowed Nebuchadnezzar to capture Jehoiakim king of Judah..." Daniel 1:2 (NCV)

2) Look for ways God can use it

"...They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service." Daniel 1:5 (NIV)

God uses tests to...

...Inspect me.
(Deut. 8:2)

...Correct me.
(Hebrews 12:11)

...Direct me.
(Proverbs 16:9)

...Protect me.
(Genesis 50:20)

...Perfect me.
(1 Peter 5:10)

3) Trust God with what I don't understand.

"The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?" Proverbs 20:24 (NLT)

"Trust the Lord with all your heart, and don't depend on your own understanding. Remember the Lord in all you do, and he will give you success." Proverbs 3:5-6 (NCV)