

THRIVING NO MATTER WHAT

Part 1/8: When Your World Is Shaken Up

Isaiah 5:20 *You are doomed if you call evil good and call good evil. Destruction is certain when you call darkness light and light darkness; when right is considered wrong and what's wrong is considered right; when you claim what is bitter is now sweet and what is sweet you now call bitter.*

Daniel 1:1-7 *In the third year of Judah's King Jehoiakim's reign, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon besieged Jerusalem with his armies, God gave Nebuchadnezzar the victory. When Nebuchadnezzar returned to Babylon, he took with him the best sacred objects from the temple of God in Jerusalem and put them on display in his pagan temple of Babylon. He also ordered that the best young men of Judah be taken as captives to be brought to his palace. 'Select only the best looking, strongest and smartest young men,' and bring them to my palace. Make sure that they're well versed in every branch of learning, that they're gifted with knowledge and good sense and have the poise needed to serve in my royal palace. Teach these young men the language and the literature of the Babylonian culture.*

BABYLONIAN NAMES

- Daniel BELTESHAZZAR
- Hananiah SHADRACH
- Mishael MESHACH
- Azariah ABEDNEGO

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. What should you do when your world is shaken up?
2. What should you do when the foundation of your life becomes unstable?

1. DON'T BE SURPRISED BY _____.

John 16:33 *In this world you will experience difficulties. But take heart! I have conquered the world! I've told you this so that in trusting me, you will be unshakable and deeply at peace.*

2. LOOK FOR WAYS THAT GOD MIGHT USE IT FOR _____.

Sometimes God shakes things up in our lives to _____ us.

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3. TRUST GOD FOR WHAT I DON'T _____.

Proverbs 20:24

Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

⁵ *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;*
⁶ *in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.*

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