

UNSHAKEABLE

AGAINST ALL ODDS

Thrive

“... the whole world is shaken to the core.” -**Psalm 82:5**

Introduce Daniel's Life and Book: Daniel 1:1-7

1. Don't be surprised by _____.

“Dear friends, don't be shocked or surprised when you suffer through painful tests and trials as if something strange is happening to you.” -1 Peter 4:12

“I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world.” -John 16:33

Four sources of problems: My sinful nature. The world. Satan. God.

2. Consider how God might _____ for _____.

“For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” -Jeremiah 29:11

-God shakes things up in my life to _____ me.

“I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve.” -Jeremiah 17:10

“... God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you'd keep his commands.” -Deuteronomy 8:2

Ask: What does this problem reveal about me?

-God shakes things up to _____ me.

“God corrects all of his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him! ... But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace.” -Hebrews 12:8,11

“When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise, ‘Once again I will not only shake the earth but the heavens also.’ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.” -Hebrews 12:26-27

“Consider yourself fortunate when God all-powerful chooses to correct you.” -Job 5:17

Ask: What is this problem teaching me?

-God shakes things up to _____ me.

“A person may plan his own journey, you’ve got your own life plan out there but the Lord directs his steps.” -Proverbs 16:9

“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.” -Proverbs 20:30

“I have thought about my life, and I’ve directed my feet back to your written instructions.” -Psalm 119:59

Ask: Where is this problem leading me?

-God shakes things up to _____ me.

“God is leading you away from danger to a place free from distress.” -Job 36:16a

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good . . .” -Genesis 50:20a

Ask: How could this problem protect me?

-God shakes things up to _____ me.

“After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who calls you to share his eternal glory in union with Christ, will himself perfect you and give you firmness, strength, and a sure foundation.” -1 Peter 5:10

“We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know, that they are good for us — they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it . . .” -Romans 5:3-4

Ask: How can I grow from this problem?

3. Trust God for what I don't _____ .

“The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything that happens along the way.” -Proverbs 20:24

“Trust the Lord with all your heart. Don't depend on your own understanding. Honor the Lord in everything you do, and he will give you success.” -Proverbs 3:5-6