

WHEN YOUR WORLD IS SHAKEN UP

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Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Isaiah 5:20

They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. Psalm 82:5

". . . all the foundations of society are being shaken to the core." Psalm 82:5 (LB)

In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with some of the vessels of the house of God. And he brought them to the land of Shinar, to the house of his god, and placed the vessels in the treasury of his god. Then the king commanded Ashpenaz, his chief eunuch, to bring some of the people of Israel, both of the royal family and of the nobility, youths without blemish, of good appearance and skillful in all wisdom, endowed with knowledge, understanding learning, and competent to stand in the king's palace, and to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

The king assigned them a daily portion of the food that the king ate, and of the wine that he drank. They were to be educated for three years, and at the end of that time they were to stand before the king. Among these were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah of the tribe of Judah. And the chief of the eunuchs gave them names: Daniel he called Belteshazzar, Hananiah he called Shadrach, Mishael he called Meshach, and Azariah he called Abednego. Daniel 1:1-7

WHAT TO DO WHEN GOD SHAKES THINGS UP

1) DON'T BE SURPRISED BY ADVERSITY

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 1 Peter 4:12

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

Jesus: "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." John 16:33 (Message)

2) LOOK FOR WAYS GOD MIGHT USE IT FOR GOOD IN MY LIFE

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

GOD SHAKES THINGS UP TO INSPECT US

"I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Jeremiah 17:10

GOD SHAKES THINGS UP TO CORRECT US

GOD SHAKES THINGS UP TO DIRECT US

The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. Proverbs 16:9

GOD SHAKES THINGS UP TO PERFECT US

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ... Romans 5:3-4

3) TRUST GOD FOR WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND

A man's steps are from the LORD; how then can man understand his way? Proverbs 20:24

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6*