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These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

- A faith that's tested is a faith that can be _____

⁴ Then a herald shouted out, "People of all races and nations and languages, listen to the king's command!" ⁵ When you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes, and other musical instruments, bow to the ground to worship King Nebuchadnezzar's gold statue. ⁶ Anyone who refuses to obey will immediately be thrown into a blazing furnace."

Daniel 3:4-6 (NLT)

Three Qualities of Standing In Faith

1. Faith obeys _____ instead of following _____

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you."

Daniel 3:16 (NLT)

2. Faith _____ in spite of what it _____

If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty.

Daniel 3:17 (NLT)

3. Faith _____ God with the _____

But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up."

Daniel 3:18 (NLT)

²⁴ But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?" "Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied. ²⁵ "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!"

Daniel 3:24-25 (NLT)

Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

Daniel 3:27 (NLT)

Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. **Daniel 3:28 (NLT)**

My next step today is to...

- Ask God to see me through the trials I am facing helping my faith and character to grown in Him.
- Keep walking in faith even though I don't see or understand how God is at work in this situation
- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Peter 1:7
- Say yes to God, making him first in my life as I given myself to Him, claiming Him as my Savior and Lord.