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⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil **prowls** around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV2011)

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Enduring Life's trials requires	
1.	Preparation thru
	¹⁰ Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹ Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. Daniel 6:10-11 (NIV11)
2.	Preparation thru
	⁸ But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. Daniel 1:8 (NIV11)

²⁴ Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." 25 He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

3. Preparation thru a

Daniel 3:24-25 (NIV11)

Surviving life's trials requires .

¹⁶ So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" ¹⁷ A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. ¹⁸ Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. Daniel 6:16-18 (NIV11)

⁴² "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." Luke 22:42 (NIV2011)

Victories over trials requires _____

¹⁹ At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰ When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" ²¹ Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! ²² My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." ²³ The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Admit I am powerless over circumstances of my life and that my life has become unmanageable and come to believe that a power greater than myself has the power to restore my life to sanity.
- Accept Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- Prepare myself for tribulations, thru prayer, obedience and a deeper relationships with Jesus.
- Commit to publicly proclaim thanksgiving for my many deliverances.
- Memorize or meditate on 1 Peter 5:8