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**Stand Firm, Be Strong, Never Quit, Thrive On - Part 1
When the Rug Gets Yanked and You're On It**

Daniel 1:1-7

Now What?

1. Don't be surprised by _____.

1 Peter 4:12 (GNT) Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful test you are suffering, as though something unusual were happening to you.

John 16:32-33 (Message) 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.

4 sources of problems: _____, _____, _____, _____

2. _____ how God can use it for good.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

How does God use challenges in our lives?

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Jeremiah 17:10 (NIV) I, the Lord, search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.
Ask: What does this problem _____ about me?

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Hebrews 12:8-11 (CEV) God corrects all his children, and if he doesn't correct you, then you don't really belong to him. Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn't it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us? Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is. It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace.

Ask: What is this problem _____ me?

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Proverbs 16:9 (GNT) You may make your plans, but God directs your actions.

Ask: Where is this problem _____ me?

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Genesis 50:20 (NIV) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good...

Ask: How could this problem be _____ me?

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1 Peter 5:10 (GNT) 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.

Ask: How can I _____ from this problem?

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

Proverbs 20:24 (NLT) The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT) Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.