

Pastor Shawn Thornton—  
Weekend of June 5–6, 2021

## When Your World Changes Forever—Daniel 1:1–21

*Part 1 of a series of sermons in the Book of Daniel titled, “Courageous Hope”*

When your world changes forever, God gives you \_\_\_\_\_ as  
you \_\_\_\_\_ His plan to use you in the unknown, the uncertain,  
and the unwanted \_\_\_\_\_.

### #1. Be \_\_\_\_\_: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Up on \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 1–8a)

1. Understand what the \_\_\_\_\_ will use to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_  
from God (verses 1–7)

• \_\_\_\_\_ (1–3) • Flattery (4a) • \_\_\_\_\_ (4b) • Luxury (5) • \_\_\_\_\_ (6–7)

2. Understand what \_\_\_\_\_ can use to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself \_\_\_\_\_ to God (verse 8a)

• \_\_\_\_\_—choose your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible

• \_\_\_\_\_—live your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible

### #2 Be \_\_\_\_\_: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Out at \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 8b–14)

1. Humbly \_\_\_\_\_, Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 8b–9)

2. Graciously \_\_\_\_\_, Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 10–14)

### #3 Be \_\_\_\_\_: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ Up on \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 15–21)

1. Give God time to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 15–18))

Trust His \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_

2. Give God time to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 19–21)

Trust His \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_

Are you \_\_\_\_\_ God's plan to use you in the \_\_\_\_\_?

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### #1. Be Faithful: Don't Give Up on God *(verses 1–8a)*

#### 1. Understand what the world will use to push you away from God *(verses 1–7)*

- Misery (1–3)
- Flattery (4a)
- Opportunity (4b)
- Luxury (5)
- Identity (6–7)

#### 2. Understand what you can use to keep yourself close to God *(verse 8a)*

- Discernment—choose your battles as wisely as possible
- Determination—live your life as faithfully as possible

### #2 Be Kind: Don't Lash Out at Others *(verses 8b–14)*

#### 1. Humbly Ask, Don't Demand *(verses 8b–9)*

#### 2. Graciously Suggest, Don't Push *(verses 10–14)*

### #3 Be Patient: Don't Give Up on Yourself *(verses 15–21)*

#### 1. Give God time to work in you *(verses 15–18)*

*Trust His timing to be perfect*

#### 2. Give God time to work in others through you *(verses 19–21)*

*Trust His purposes to be wise*

Are you embracing God's plan to use you in the journey ahead?