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Part 8: Proved Genuine Through Testing
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1. Life’s Tests Often Confront You With _____

- Daniel’s situation was without hope.
 - a. The law of the Medes and Persians
 - b. The large stone placed over the mouth of the den
 - c. The royal seal that secured the den
- Verse 18, “...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.”
- You don’t have to be in a literal lions’ den or have a friend tossed in one to be confronted with the reality of your own limitations apart from God.
- Coming face to face with your limitations is the most spiritually productive place you could ever be.

2. Life’s Tests Can Help You Into _____

- Verses 19-20, “At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. 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?’”
- The Lord takes great pleasure in taking the most difficult situations in life and using those impossibilities as a way of increasing our faith.
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