

DANIEL 1

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A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF DANIEL

*v.1 In the third year of the
reign of Jehoiakim king of
Judah, Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon came to Jerusalem
and besieged it.*

v.4-7 Young men without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well informed, quick to understand, and qualified to serve in the king's palace. He (the chief official) was to teach them the language and literature of the Babylonians.

v.4-7 The king assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table. They were to be trained for three years, and after that they were to enter the king's service. Among these were some from Judah: Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

v.4-7 The chief official gave them new names: to Daniel, the name Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah, Abednego.

v.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.

Exodus 34:15

Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land; for when they prostitute themselves to their gods and sacrifice to them, they will invite you and you will eat their sacrifices.

v.9-10 Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel, but the official told Daniel, “I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you.”

v.11-14 *Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, “Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink.*

v.11-14 Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see.” So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days.

v.15-16 At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead.

*v.17-21 To these four young men
God gave knowledge and
understanding of all kinds of
literature and learning. And
Daniel could understand visions
and dreams of all kinds. At the
end of the time set by the king to
bring them in, the chief official
presented them to
Nebuchadnezzar.*

v.17-21 The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them,

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Resolve

“to determine in one’s
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Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Psalm 119:11

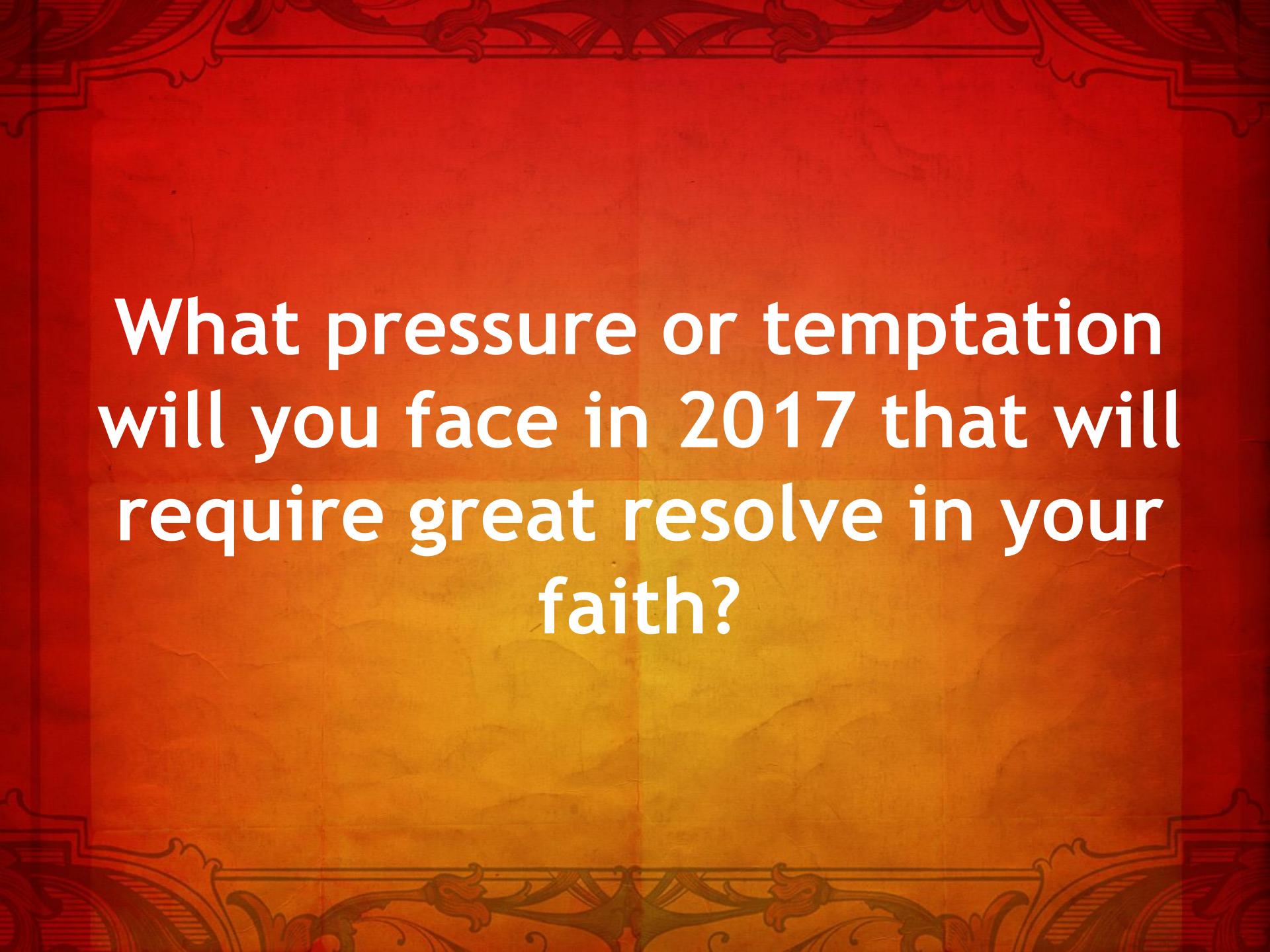
*I have hidden your word in my
heart that I might not sin against
you.*

Psalm 1:1-3

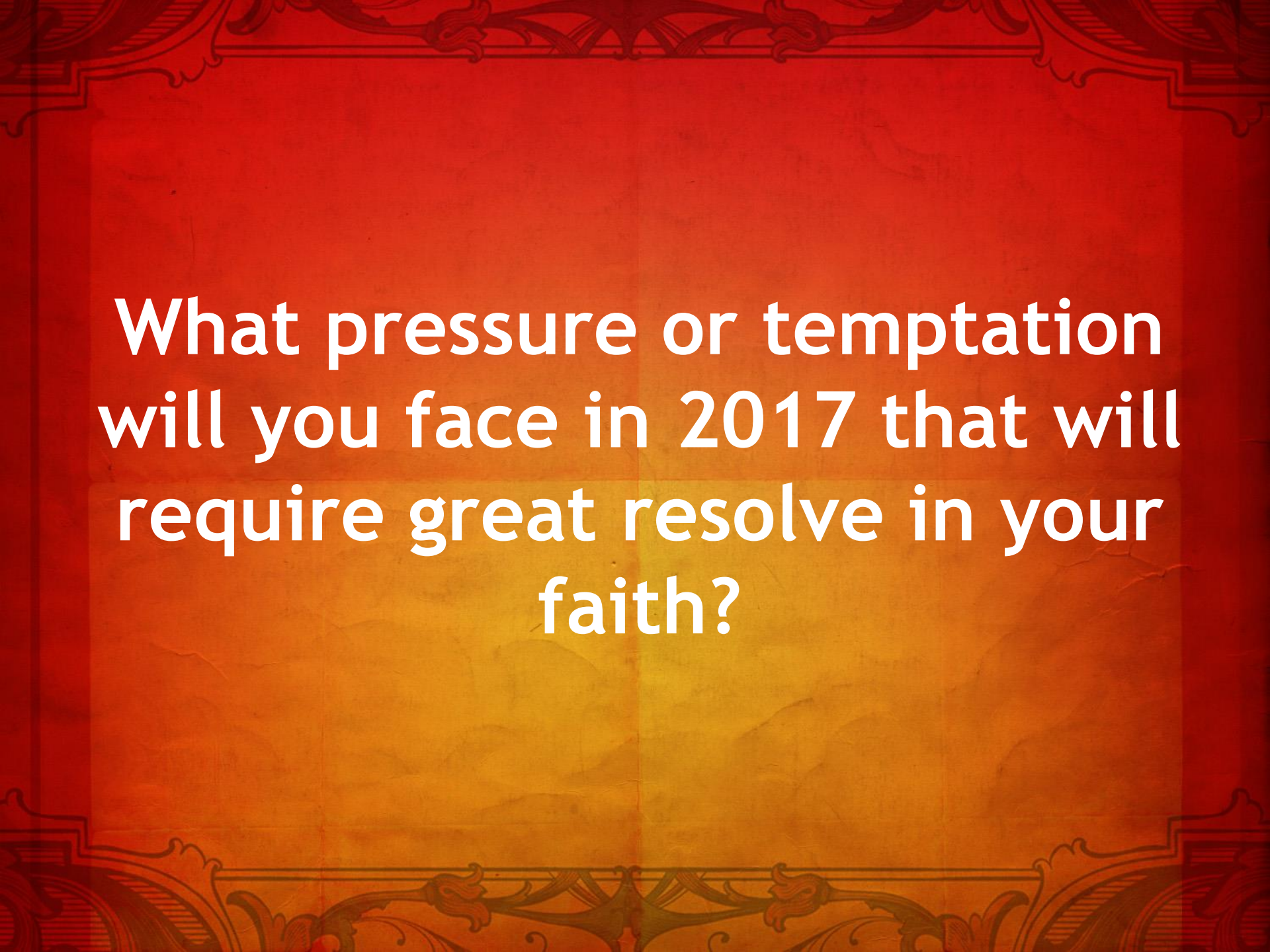
...but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water...

*We make men without chests
and expect of them virtue and
enterprise.*

C.S. Lewis in Abolition of Man



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