

Introduction:

- A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."
- Who Says Men Don't Remember Anniversaries? A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband was not in their bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a cup of coffee in front him. He appears deep in thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of coffee. "What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room. "Why are you down here at this time of night?" The husband looks up, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we were dating, and you were only 17?" he asks solemnly. The wife is touched thinking her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do," she replies. The husband pauses. The words are not coming easily. "Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?" "Yes, I remember," says the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him. The husband continues... "Do you remember when he shoved a shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter, or I will send you to jail for 20 years". "I remember that too", she replies softly. He wipes another tear from his cheek and says... "I would have gotten out today!" Whoa! having done all you can do to stand, stand some more!
- "*This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.*" (Hebrews 12:27, NLT)
- My theme for the morning is: When all that can be shaken is removed you will be unshakeable! Heb 12:27

I. The Foundation Of An Unshakeable Life

- A. Lets briefly consider what it means to be unshakable.
 1. It means to not be shaken, cannot be moved, can never fail.
 2. If you put it into a positive perspective it means immovable, unchangeable, firm, steadfast.
 3. The emotions the word 'unshakable' conjure up, if you are participating from the positive side, are: confident, secure, steadfast, courageous, hopeful, determined, unwavering, resolute. These are beautiful emotions to carry on your inside.
 4. Heb 12: 28 states that we are receiving an unshakable Kingdom.
- B. Things you must know to be unshakable.
 1. Knowing God. Not knowing about Him but actually knowing Him
 - a) Knowing His nature
 - b) knowing His character

- c) knowing His heart
- 2. Knowing God's Word. Not just having God's Word but having believed in God's Word.
 - a) Knowing His promises.
 - b) Knowing His stance behind His word.
 - c) Knowing His Word is True and Truth.
- 3. Knowing God's Promise - Holy Spirit. Not just know there is a Holy Spirit.
 - a) Knowing the Promise on your inside.
 - b) Knowing the voice of the Promise.
 - c) Knowing the power of the Promise>
- C. It is impossible to be receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken without the saving knowledge of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. End of conversation.
 - 1. "We are receiving" is what we call in language studies, a present active participle. It means that the action has begun and continues to be happening at the present time.
 - 2. In other words, when you were born again you began receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken and you are continuing to receive that Kingdom. It is something that has started and we continue that activity. You received eternal life and you continue to receive until you receive the full resurrection experience.

II. The Price of An Unshakable Life

- A. What does it cost to have an unshakable life? I thought it was free?
 1. "Freebies" always get you in the door. And believe me this is one freebie you want.
 2. But we are called to walk out our salvation with fear and trembling. Phil 2:12
 3. "*They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.*" (Acts 14:22, NLT)
 4. The good new is, "It is worth it!" 36 years a believer and I'd do it again!
- B. So what does it cost to be unshakable? What's our theme? When all that can be shaken is removed you will be unshakeable! Heb 12:27 It will cost you your life! And it will cost you everything in your life that can be shaken.
 1. If we are receiving an unshakable Kingdom then anything in that Kingdom which can be shaken has to be removed. **How unshakable are you?** What is it about you that is shakable? That is why death is necessary.
 - a) Our bodies as they are cannot enter that Kingdom. We have to 'change out.'
 - b) That is why those who are not dead at His appearing will be transformed in the twinkling of an eye! This flesh and blood will not be allowed to enter that Kingdom because this flesh and blood is decaying.
 2. We are receiving an unshakable Kingdom now, therefore there has to be a whole 'lotta shakin' going on' to prepare us to be unshakable.

- a) We can do all of the above in point number one. That does not eliminate the shaking. Job was righteous. Job was blameless. But listen to what Job has to say about the matter.
 - b) "*I was at ease, but He has shattered me; He also has taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces; He has set me up for His target,*" (Job 16:12, NKJV) That is the description of how Job felt in the midst of his trial.
 - (1) The price of having an unshakable life is the ability to handle the shaking without cracking under the pressure.
 - c) The price of having an unshakable life is the ability to let go of things in your life that can be shaken when the shaking is going on! Again, our theme: When all that can be shaken is removed you will be unshakeable! Heb 12:27
3. The more we know God, know His word and walk in the spirit the better we will be prepared for the unshakable Kingdom.
- a) Dan 3:16-18 The Hebrew children before the fiery furnace.
 - b) vs. 16 We do not need to defend ourselves before you. Sounds unshakable. They had to have some things shaken off to speak like that.
 - c) vs. 17 He will rescue us from your power. God's Kingdom is bigger. They knew in whom they believed. 1 Tim 1:12
 - d) vs. 18 If He does not we still will not serve your gods or worship the statue. They are unshakable. Why? They knew their God. They knew the Word. Life had tested them already. The price of an unshakable life is to be able to endure the shakings as they come and still be standing. Eph 6:11-14 There is no 'co-exist' in these guys

III. Producing An Unshakable Life

- A. When all that can be shaken is removed you will be unshakeable! Heb 12:27
- B. "*For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."*" (Romans 4:3, NLT) Abraham is considered the Father of our faith because God considered him as righteous simply because of his faith. In scripture he was ready to sacrifice His own son because He knew God would raise Him from the dead. That is faith! That is unshakable faith!
 - 1. We love to admire Abrahams faith and we should. After all against all hope he believed.
 - 2. We tend to think that Abraham just woke up one day in the place of faith. But Abe had to be shaken too to get to the place of unshakable.
- C. Abraham's shaking.
 - 1. Shaking off disobedience. "*The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a*

blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”” (Genesis 12:1-3, NLT)

Awesome promises. Awesome promises from our perspective and his but Abram has to now walk that out.

- a) “So Abraham departed...” What is the first thing he does not do? He brings Lot. What does this act of disobedience bring to Abraham? A whole lotta shaking. Gotta get rid of disobedience. Here is what Abrams disobedience brought him.
 - b) Lot and his clan fight with Abraham and his over grazing and water rights. Lot takes the best grazing ground.
 - c) 14:12 Lot is captured by invading king and Abraham has to go get him. (Note to self: He does not ask God if he can do this.)
 - d) Moral of story, when God says don’t take your relatives, don’t take them. They will only be trouble. Incest = Moabites and Ammonites are introduced into the land.
2. Shaking off mans plans. Sarai is unable to conceive.
 - a) She has a plan. *“So Sarai said to Abram, ‘The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.’ And Abram agreed with Sarai’s proposal.”* (Genesis 16:2, NLT) Can you see God, “Don’t be stupid! Oh come guys, work with me!”
 - b) vs 5 “Then Sarai said to Abram, “This is your fault...The Lord will show you who is wrong-you or me.”
 - c) Ishmael is born to Hagar. And he is given a son of whom God says, “He will raise his fist against everyone.” Welcome to the middle east! Gotta shake off the plans of man.
 3. Shaking off unbelief. They both laugh at God. (Note to self: Do not laugh at what God says.) God promises a son to Abraham from Sarah his wife. “Mother of many nations. Kings will come from her.”
 - a) *“Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, but he laughed to himself in disbelief. ‘How could I become a father at the age of 100?’ he thought. ‘And how can Sarah have a baby when she is ninety years old?’”* (Genesis 17:17, NLT) Shakin’ off unbelief. Don’t look at things in the natural.
 - b) Abraham circumcised himself at age 99! Obedience! Along with all his family and servants.
 - c) *“So she laughed silently to herself and said, ‘How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?’”* (Genesis 18:12, NLT) And Jesus catches her laughing. 18:13
 4. Shaking off injustice. Lots second rescue.
 - a) God goes to bring justice to Sodom.
 - b) Abraham intercedes for Lot. 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, 10. He does not react to save him.

- (1) *"When Lot still hesitated, the angels seized his hand and the hands of his wife and two daughters and rushed them to safety outside the city, for the Lord was merciful."* (Genesis 19:16, NLT)
 - (2) *"But God had listened to Abraham's request and kept Lot safe, removing him from the disaster that engulfed the cities on the plain."* (Genesis 19:29, NLT)
 - c) Abraham learned that God is just and faithful to His word.
 - d) Abraham learned that God can be trusted. (Note to self: the second rescue occurs because Abraham prayed.) He believed! This is growing faith.
5. Shaking off fear. Fear prompts Abraham to tell a half truth and offers his wife (the woman of promise) to another man. Half lies can cause a whole lotta trouble. You can't be in fear and faith at the same time. God has to shake fear off of us.
- a) Why did God react this way to the King Abimelech? God had to intervene to be faithful to His word. There were to be no doubts this was Abrahams child.
 - b) It also would have given courage to Joseph when he had his dream about Mary being pregnant with God's child in centuries to come.
 - c) What would have happened if they would have trusted God? Would God have protected them?
6. Shaking off everything that stands between you and God's word. **Your son!**
- a) God called Abraham answered. 22:1
 - b) God called Abraham obeyed. 22:3
 - c) God asked Abraham gave. 22:11
 - d) Abraham had everything that could be shaken removed. He believed God and he became...unshakeable!

Conclusion:

- When all that can be shaken is removed you will be unshakeable! Heb 12:27
- There is a price to become unshakable. It is submitting to the process as you submit to the One who calls you, to His Word, and to the leadership of His Spirit.
- Some of you have been going around the same old mountain experiencing the same shaking.
- Some have resisted the shaking not knowing it was about the 'making' of a man unshakable.

Unshakeable Scriptures!

"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him" (James 1:12, ESV)

"You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!" (Isaiah 26:3, NLT) Steadfast/unshakable.

"I am the Lord who demonstrates unfailing love and who brings justice and righteousness to the earth, and that I delight in these things. I, the Lord, have spoken! (Je 9:24) NLT

******* Of David**

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a **steadfast** spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10, NKJV)

"My heart is **steadfast**, O God, my heart is **steadfast**; I will sing and give praise." (Psalm 57:7, NKJV)

"He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is **steadfast**, trusting in the Lord." (Psalm 112:7, NKJV)

"O God, my heart is **steadfast**; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory." (Psalm 108:1, NKJV)

****** Call to steadfastness**

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, **be steadfast, immovable**, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58, NKJV)

"if indeed you **continue in the faith**, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister." (Colossians 1:23, NKJV)

"For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of **our confidence steadfast** to the end," (Hebrews 3:14, NKJV)

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both **sure and steadfast**, and which enters the Presence behind the veil," (Hebrews 6:19, NKJV)

"Resist him, **steadfast** in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world." (1 Peter 5:9, NKJV)

"but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we **hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the **hope firm** to the end." (Hebrews 3:6, NKJV)

"Early the next morning the army of Judah went out into the wilderness of Tekoa. On the way Jehoshaphat stopped and said, "Listen to me, all you people of Judah and Jerusalem! **Believe** in the Lord your God, and **you will be able to stand firm**. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed." (2 Chronicles 20:20, NLT)

"Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will **stand firm forever**." (Psalm 15:5, NLT)

"Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God. Those nations will fall down and collapse, but we will rise up and **stand firm**." (Psalm 20:7-8, NLT)
"...Unless your faith is firm, I cannot make you **stand firm**." (Isaiah 7:9, NLT)

"Therefore, this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. **Whoever believes need never be shaken.**" (Isaiah 28:16, NLT)

"It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it **stands firm** because it is well built." (Luke 6:48, NLT)

"Be on guard stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13, NLT)

"It is God who enables us, along with you, to **stand firm for Christ**. He has commissioned us," (2 Corinthians 1:21, NLT)

"But that does not mean we want to dominate you by telling you how to put your faith into practice. We want to work together with you so you will be full of joy, for it is **by your own faith that you stand firm.**" (2 Corinthians 1:24, NLT)

"Be on guard. "Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to **stand firm** against all strategies of the devil." (Ephesians 6:11, NLT)

"Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be **standing firm**." (Ephesians 6:13, NLT)

***** Of God

"I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And **steadfast forever**; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end." (Daniel 6:26, NKJV)

"My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall **stand firm** with him." (Psalm 89:28, NKJV)

"But He, because He continues forever, has an **unchangeable priesthood**." (Hebrews 7:24, NKJV)

"So God has given both his promise and his oath. These two things are **unchangeable** because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us." (Hebrews 6:18, NLT)

"On that day I will make Jerusalem an **immovable rock**. All the nations will gather against it to try to move it, but they will only hurt themselves." (Zechariah 12:3, NLT)

"But the Lord's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken." (Psalm 33:11, NLT)

"Your eternal word, O Lord, stands firm in heaven." (Psalm 119:89, NLT)

"But **God's truth stands firm** like a foundation stone with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and "All who belong to the Lord must turn away from evil." (2 Timothy 2:19, NLT)

UNFAILING LOVE used 118 times

“With your unfailing love you lead the people you have redeemed. In your might, you guide them to your sacred home.” (Exodus 15:13, NLT)

“But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.” (Exodus 20:6, NLT)

“The Lord passed in front of Moses, calling out, “Yahweh! The Lord! The God of compassion and mercy! I am slow to anger and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness.” (Exodus 34:6, NLT)

“But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me.” (Psalm 13:5, NLT)

Faith can't fix what you refuse to face!

Oh gods grace is so great so rich that it's more than enough to forgive all of our sins and love us in our sin and funny doctrine.