

# BEING UNSHAKABLE IN THIS SHAKABLE WORLD

Jeremiah 33:3 CEV

Ask me, and I will tell you things that you don't know and can't find out.

- There's a lot of shaking going on

Psalms 82:5 TLB

But you are so foolish and so ignorant! Because you are in darkness, all the foundations of society are shaken to the core.

**NOTE:** Shaking is unusual challenging temptations, tests, trials that confronts us.

## I. FOUR SOURCES OF SHAKING

1. SELF IMPOSED - (choices, decisions out of the will of god; cause & effect)  
you can do the right things in the will of god and face challenges  
(Peter/Paul)
2. WORLD- (temptations, ridicule, disapproval, rejection)
3. SATAN- (persecution, chronic sickness, pain, sorrow, distractions, satan has a destructive plan for your life)
4. GOD - (only does what is good. he does not cause the shaking, but he will use the severe shaking & testing to work it for his divine purpose. god will prove us but will never tempt us to sin.

James 1:13 CEV

Don't blame god when you are tempted! God cannot be tempted by evil, and he doesn't use evil to tempt others.

James 1:17 ERV

Everything good comes from God. Every perfect gift is from him. These good gifts come down from the Father who made all the lights in the sky. But God never changes like the shadows from those lights. He is always the same.

**QUESTION:** What kind of personal shaking (testing, trials) is going on in your life? What's up God?

## **POWER POINT: HOW YOU RESPOND TO THE SHAKING IN YOUR LIFE (UNUSUAL TEST & TRIALS) DETERMINES HOW YOU COME OUT**

You can be bitter or better. You can be shouting or pouting you can stay small or grow tall in the spirit

How you respond to challenges is an indication of your maturity, your development in faith, your integrity & your commitment.

Romans 5:3-4 TLB

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us-they help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust god more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and

## **II. HOW TO RESPOND TO WIN DURING SHAKING**

### **3 THINGS TO DO TO SETTLE YOURSELF DURING THE SHAKING**

1. **DON'T BE SHOCKED OR SURPRISED**- Don't feel like you are the only one being shaken.

1 Peter 4:12 NLT

Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

- **JESUS FOREWARNED YOU- CHALLENGES WILL COME**

John 16:31 MSG

.....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."

2. **RESIST THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPLAIN** - Don't complain. Most positive change comes through pain. No pain no gain. Many times, we change when we have to not because we need to.
- Why me Lord? Don't have a pity party.

Judges 6:13 NLT

“Sir,” Gideon replied, “if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about?”

John 9:1-2 TLB

As he was walking along, he saw a man blind from birth. [2] "Master," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?"

**POWER POINT- REMEMBER GOD HAS AN AMAZING GOOD PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE. TEST & TRIALS AREN'T INDICATORS GOD CHANGED HIS MIND**

Jeremiah 29:11 TLB

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

- Test & trials aren't indicators god changed his mind

Romans 11:29 ERV

God never changes his mind about the people he calls. He never decides to take back the blessings he has given them.

Romans 8:35b TLB

When we have trouble or calamity.... has God deserted us?

- Look for the positive that can come out of the challenge. God hasn't changed his mind concerning the great plan he has for you.

Genesis 50:20 ERV

It is true that you planned to do something bad to me. But really, God was planning good things....

3. **KEEP A WINNING MENTALITY** - This isn't the end. You were created to win!!

Romans 8:37 TLB

but despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us.

- Don't allow your mistakes, the pressures of this world & satanic attacks to make you think like a loser.
4. **REMEMBER WHO LIVES IN YOU**- You have holy spirit power for your zero hour.

Ephesians 6:10 TLB

LAST OF ALL I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT YOUR STRENGTH MUST COME FROM THE LORD'S MIGHTY POWER WITHIN YOU.

5. **TRUST GOD** - Make a conscious decision to trust god when you don't understand everything that is going on. God will work this out for my good
- You may not understand it

Proverbs 20:24 TLB

Since the Lord is directing our steps, why try to understand everything that happens along the way?

- **Trust God**

Proverbs 3:4,6 TLB

If you want favor with both God AND MAN TRUST THE LORD COMPLETELY; don't ever trust yourself. [6] In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your EFFORTS WITH SUCCESS.

Psalm 16:1-2 GNT

Protect me, O God; I trust in you for safety. [2] I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; all the good things I have come from you."

- God will work it for your good

Romans 8:28 TLB

And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans.

- If you respond correctly god will use the challenges for your benefit.

James 5:11 TLB

....Job is an example of a man who CONTINUED TO TRUST THE LORD IN SORROW; from his experiences we can see how the LORD'S PLAN FINALLY ENDED IN GOOD, for he is full of tenderness and mercy.

### **Group Discussion Questions**

1. What is an unusual test, trial, challenge you dealt with recently?
2. How did you respond during a recent challenge?
3. Have you discovered something good has come from this challenge?