Unshakeable Faith

Greg Kline · Hebrews 11:8–19

INTRODUCTION

- In Hebrews chapter 11, of course, the word that shines through, the word that we all know is there is faith.
- There is perhaps no greater Bible example of faith than that of Abraham.
- I wonder if our faith is as unshakable as that of Abraham.

1 What Abraham's Faith Withstood

Genesis 12:1–4; Genesis 15:1–6; Genesis 22:1–14

- Abraham's faith was great because it was able to withstand venturing out to unknown lands.
- Whatever God says is for the best. Whatever God has in mind for me, this is the plan I will trust, not my own created idea of how my life should be.
- Consider a second idea. This was a blessing outside of his timetable.
- He believed the Lord. And the Lord counted it to him as righteousness.
- Abraham's faith was unshakable because he trusted in God. And God cannot be shaken. God cannot be moved.

2 Will My Faith Withstand When I Feel Mistreated?

Genesis 39:6–9; Philippians 1:12–14

- Perhaps the best example in the Bible outside of Jesus himself of being mistreated is Joseph.
- He was in prison because he would not fornicate, because he would not only sin against Potiphar and laying with his wife, but he would sin against God.
- When I feel mistreated, generally what I start thinking is I deserve better.
- We move away from God because we're focused on what we should have rather than who we should serve.

3 When I Don't Get What I Want

Hebrews 12:5–11; Matthew 26:39

- When we don't get what we want, again we have what feeling? Is it one that pushes us to holiness? Or one of selfishness and reflection that pushes us away from God.
- For the Lord disciplines the one whom he loves and chastises every son whom he receives.
- The difference in a shakable faith and a true belief that is unshakable, a faith that sustains us through any storm, trial, or temptation, is a true, trusted God, that his will is best.
- We have the same promises. In fact, we have better promises. Because we have a better Savior.

4 Will My Faith Withstand When Life Is Just Plain Hard?

Acts 5:17–42

- If anyone was treated unfairly, if anyone's life was hard, it was that of the apostles.
- As Peter famously answered, we must obey God rather than men.
- Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name.
- My faith sometimes is shaken when things don't go the way I think they should. When life's hard, when I don't understand why it's sorting out the way that it is.

5 Will My Faith Withstand When Life Is Good?

2 Timothy 4:10; 1 John 2

- Will my faith withstand when life is good? That sounds kind of odd because the other three are more negative.
- What does Paul write about Demas? He deserted him because he was in love with the present world.
- He was more focused on the temporal than the eternal. And that's why his faith did not stand.
- That is the tie that binds each and every one of the assaults that Satan makes on our faith.
- The only way we won't be moved is if we trust in God. If we look to heaven, rather than focusing on the here and now.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's have roots in an unshakable God so that we can have an unshakable faith.**

MY NOTES