



# Unshakable

*Thriving, no matter what life throws at you*

# Shaky Foundation

*“What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.”* Isaiah 5:20 NLT



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*“God stands up to open heaven’s court. He pronounces judgment on the judges. How long will you judges refuse to listen to the evidence? How long will you shower special favours on the wicked? .... But you are so foolish and so ignorant! Because you are in darkness, all the foundations of society are shaken to the core.” Psalm 82:1-5 TLB*



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*“By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How can we sing the songs of the Lord while in a foreign land?”*

Psalm 137:1-4 NIV



# Intro to Daniel

*“During the third year of King Jehoiakim’s reign in Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and besieged it. The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah.”*

Daniel 1:1-2a NLT



# Prophetic Warning

*“The time will surely come when everything in your palace, and all that your predecessors have stored up until this day, will be carried off to Babylon. Nothing will be left, says the Lord. And some of your descendants, your own flesh and blood who will be born to you, will be taken away, and they will become eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.” Isa 39:6-7 NIV*



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*“The Lord gave him victory over King Jehoiakim of Judah and permitted him to take some of the sacred objects from the Temple of God. So Nebuchadnezzar took them back to the land of Babylonia and placed them in the treasure-house of his god.”*

Daniel 1:2 NLT



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*“Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief of staff, to bring to the palace some of the young men of Judah’s royal family and other noble families, who had been brought to Babylon as captives. “Select only strong, healthy, and good-looking young men,” he said.*

Daniel 1:3-4 NLT



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*“Make sure they are well versed in every branch of learning, are gifted with knowledge and good judgment, and are suited to serve in the royal palace. Train these young men in the language and literature of Babylon.”  
The king assigned them a daily ration of food and wine from his own kitchens. They were to be trained for three years, and then they would enter the royal service.”*

Daniel 1:4-5 NLT



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*“Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah were four of the young men chosen, all from the tribe of Judah. The chief of staff renamed them with these Babylonian names: Daniel was called Belteshazzar. Hananiah was called Shadrach. Mishael was called Meshach. Azariah was called Abednego.”*

Daniel 1:6-7 NLT





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**When Your World is Shaken**

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*"Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you."* 1 Peter 4:12 NLT



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Jesus: *"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."*

John 16:33 MSG



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Regardless of the source, we should ask

“What should I do?”

Instead of “who’s to blame?”



## II. How God Might use it for Good

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord.  
“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give  
you a future and a hope.”* Jeremiah 29:11 NIV



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*“Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”*

Deut 8:2 NIV



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**ASK:** “What does this problem reveal about me?”



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## 2. God shakes things up to correct me.

*“God corrects all of his children, and if he doesn’t correct you, then you don’t really belong to him. Our earthly fathers correct us, and we still respect them. Isn’t it even better to be given true life by letting our spiritual Father correct us? Our human fathers correct us for a short time, and they do it as they think best. But God corrects us for our own good, because he wants us to be holy, as he is. It is never fun to be corrected. In fact, at the time it is always painful. But if we learn to obey by being corrected, we will do right and live at peace.”*

Heb 12:8-11 CEV



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2. God shakes things up to correct me.

*"Consider yourself fortunate if God all-powerful chooses to correct you." Job 5:17 CEV*



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**ASK:** “What does this problem teach me?”



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3. God shakes things up to direct me.

*"We make our own plans, but the Lord decides where we will go."* Proverbs 16:9 CEV



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3. God shakes things up to direct me.

**ASK:** “Where is this problem leading me?”



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*"God is leading you away from danger, Job, to a place free from distress."* Job 36:16 NLT



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4. God shakes things up to protect me.

*"You intended to harm me,  
but God intended it for good ..."*

Genesis 50:20 NIV



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4. God shakes things up to protect me.

**ASK:** “How could this problem be protecting me?”



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*"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation." Rom 5:3-4 NLT*



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5. God shakes things up to perfect me.

**ASK:** “How can I grow from this problem?”



# II. How God Might use it for Good

God shakes things up to...

1. Inspect me
2. Correct me
3. Direct me
4. Protect me
5. Perfect me



# III. Trust God for what I Don't Understand

*"The Lord directs our steps, so why try to understand everything along the way?"* Proverbs 20:24 NLT

