

UNSHAKABLE

STANDING FIRM IN A SHAKING WORLD

A STUDY OF PETER'S FIRST EPISTLE
UNSHAKABLE SPIRITUALITY: 1 PETER 1:122-2:3

LISTENING GUIDE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR YOU TO READ AHEAD OF TIME AND CONTEMPLATE WHILE LISTENING.

- What is this new way of living like? Think about a "new birth" into this life.
- Listen for places where an "unshakable spirituality" affects your life.
- Consider what's temporary and eternal. What do we see in Scripture about the two?
- What's evidence of spiritual growth?

TALK ABOUT IT

| THIS SECTION LETS YOU DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD AND SERMON CONTENT.

- Peter tells believers to "love one another deeply, from the heart." Why do you think love for others is one of the first things Peter points to as evidence of our new life in Christ?
 - What makes this kind of love different from "nice," "agreeable," or "friendly?"
 - Where have you experienced someone loving you in a distinctly Christlike way?
- Peter names five things we are to "rid ourselves" of? What are they?

Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander
- Which of these can most easily hide beneath the surface of an otherwise respectable Christian life?
 - How might these things damage a church family even when no one openly acknowledges them?

| **Open Discussion:** Talk about spiritual growth. Discuss thoughts on if it happens over time or if maturity is measured by how much you know. Why or why not? What is spiritual maturity? How does it happen?

- Prudence w

| **Open Discussion:** Where have Christians sometimes made holiness look unattractive, burdensome, or strange? On another hand, what might a genuinely holy life look like that would actually make the goodness and beauty of Jesus more visible to the people around you?

LIVING A STEADFAST LIFE

| THIS SECTION IS FOR US TO CONSIDER HOW TO APPLY IT TO OUR LIVES.

- Why is it possible to spend years around church and Scripture without necessarily becoming more like Jesus?
 - What is something you once knew was true intellectually, but only really began to understand after you started living it?

- Where do small, ordinary decisions tend to shape us spiritually more than the occasional “big” decision?
 - What helps move obedience from good intentions into actual practice?

| Open Discussion: Young Peter was passionate enough to tell Jesus, “I will lay down my life for you,” yet he still had a great deal of growing to do. Notice how he sounds decades later. Does his letter sound like the wisdom of someone who has learned that following Jesus is more than good intentions? How?

- Where have you seen the difference between spiritual enthusiasm and spiritual maturity? In yourself or in someone you're influenced by?
- Consider the other side of Peter’s invitation to “crave pure spiritual milk.” Do you think you can deepen your appetite for God’s Word? How?
- Think about one person God has placed around you. What would it look like to put Christ first and then intentionally put that person ahead of yourself this week?

PRAY

| THINGS TO CONSIDER PRAYING FOR, A GUIDE/REFERENCE.

- Thank God for the NEW LIFE He’s given us, and how He brought us into His family.
- Ask God to show us what needs to be put away and what hunger which needs to deepen.
- Ask God for the grace to obey what we see, learn, and know.
- Ask God to teach us to love one another deeply, so others can see Jesus' influence in us.