

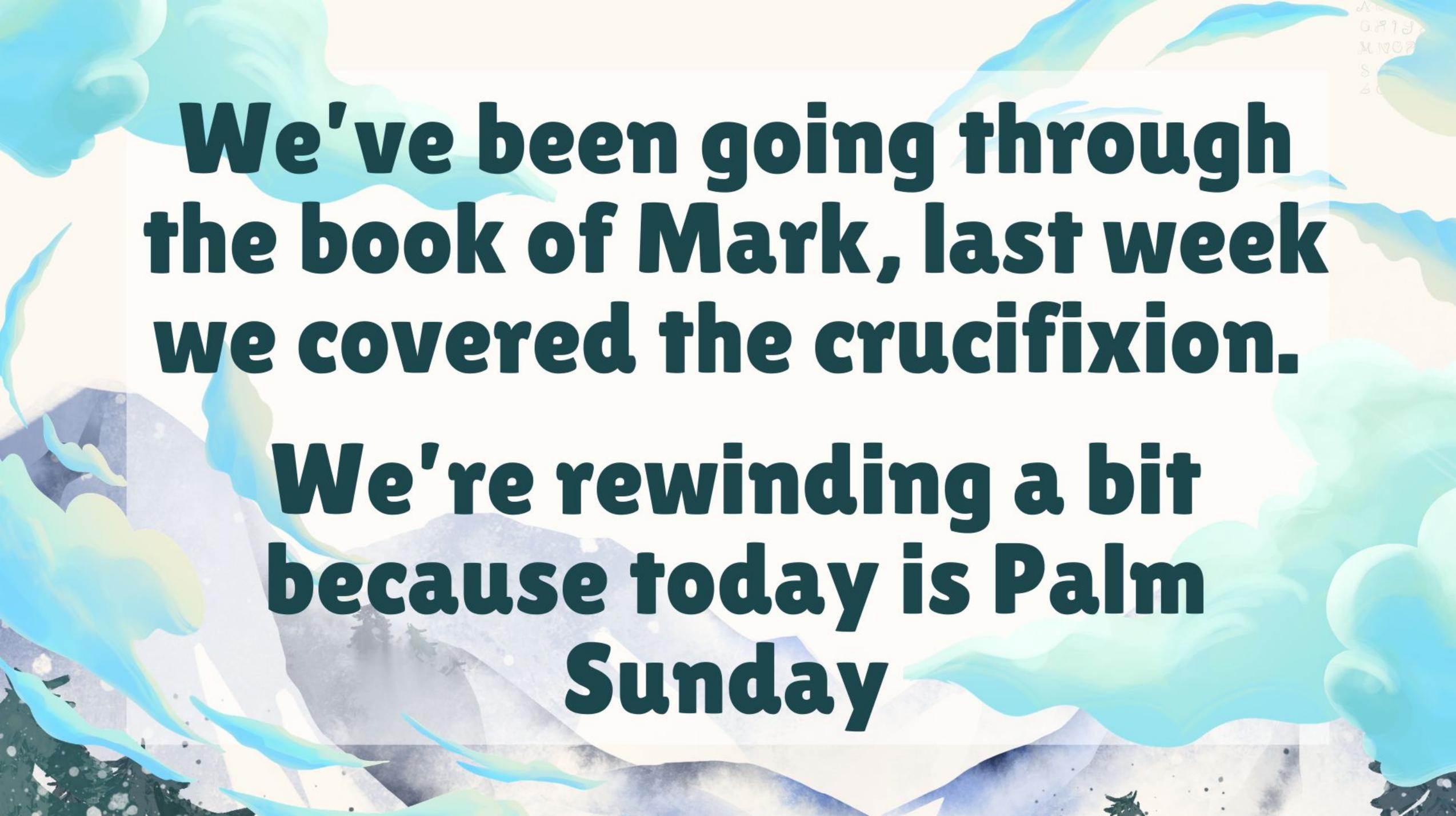


**The  
Unshakable  
Kingdom**

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**We've been going through  
the book of Mark, last week  
we covered the crucifixion.**

**We're rewinding a bit  
because today is Palm  
Sunday**

# Jesus Entering Jerusalem

- Jesus come towards the city Riding a Donkey, Crowds Cheering, laying fabrics and palm branches on the road.
- “Hosanna” Blessing to the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
- Pharisees tell Jesus to rebuke his followers for saying such things.
- “If I told these people to stop the Rocks would cry out!”

# Jesus Weeps

Luke 19:41–44 (NLT)

But as he came closer to Jerusalem and saw the city ahead, he began to weep. “How I wish today that you of all people would understand the way to peace. But now it is too late, and peace is hidden from your eyes. Before long your enemies will build ramparts against your walls and encircle you and close in on you from every side. They will crush you into the ground, and your children with you. Your enemies will not leave a single stone in place, because you did not recognize it when God visited you.”

# Two Different Responses to the Future of Jerusalem

Joy for the people because they Believe that the Messiah has arrived to establish his eternal Kingdom, freeing them from Roman oppression, elevating them from their suffering.

Jesus weeps because he knows that he isn't the Messiah that they want. They will reject him for not doing more to confront the Romans, and elevate them into a tangible world power.

# The Shakeable City

Because they reject Jesus, they will choose power and rebellion:

- In 66 A.D. the high priest, Ananus established a regional government, running the Romans out of Jerusalem.
- Jerusalem was eventually besieged by the Romans, and the city was brutally conquered in 70 A.D.
- The Temple was destroyed, the people were enslaved, killed, or displaced.

# Jesus Weeps, Earlier in Luke

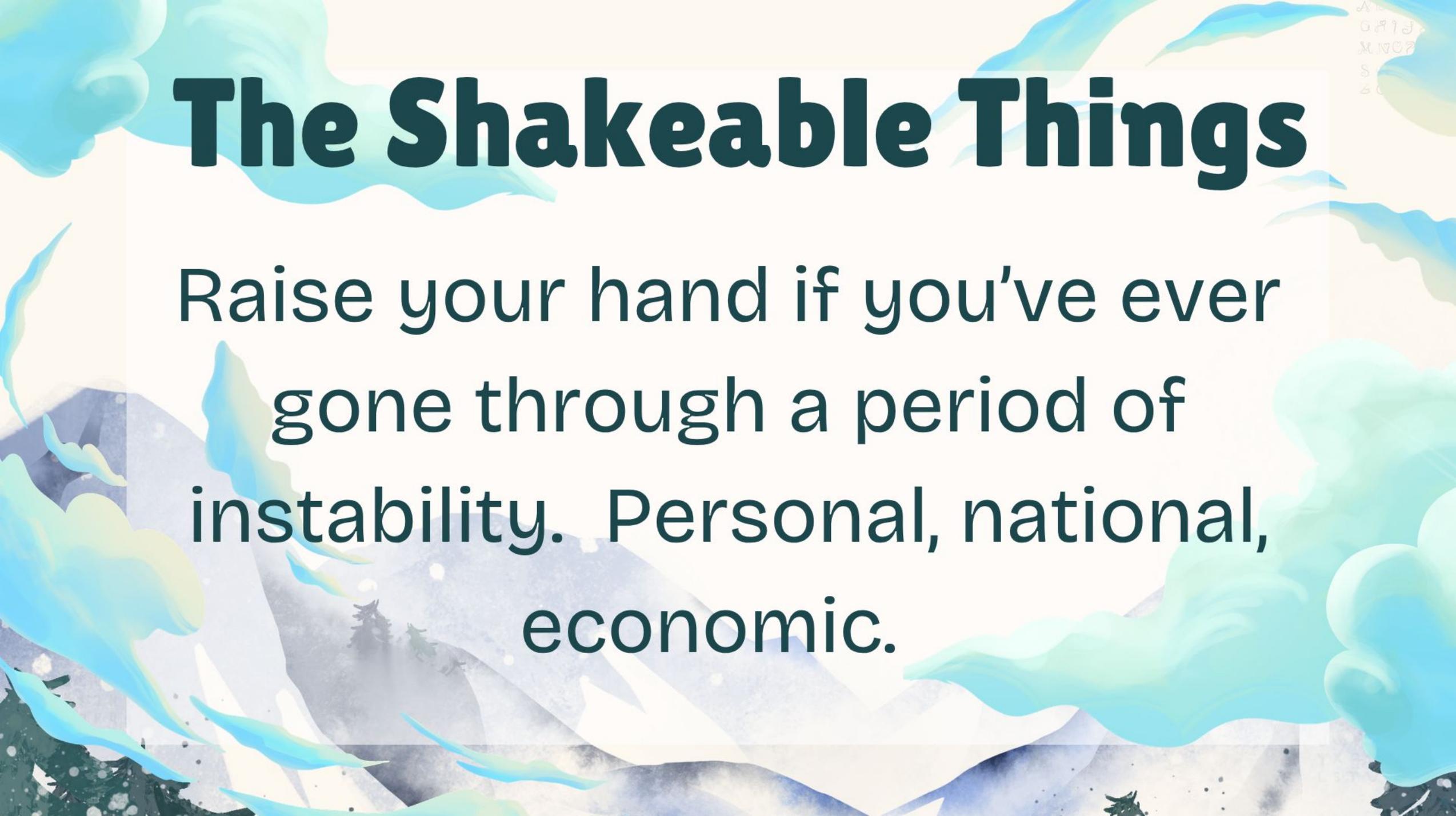
Luke 13:34-35

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God’s messengers! **How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn’t let me.** And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never see me again until you say, ‘Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the LORD!’”

# Jesus Weeps

Jesus wept as he came to Jerusalem, because he was offering them a Kingdom that is unshakable. He was offering them something that can't be destroyed by a Roman siege.

Jesus weeps because God the Father weeps at the rejection of the children that he loves.



# **The Shakeable Things**

Raise your hand if you've ever gone through a period of instability. Personal, national, economic.

# The Shakeable Things

- Families
- Church Communities
- Friend Groups
- Online Communities
- Nations
- Economies

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Instability, suffering, and trauma can cause us to go on the hunt for something safe and unshakable.

“If I could just get \_\_\_\_\_ things will be ok.”



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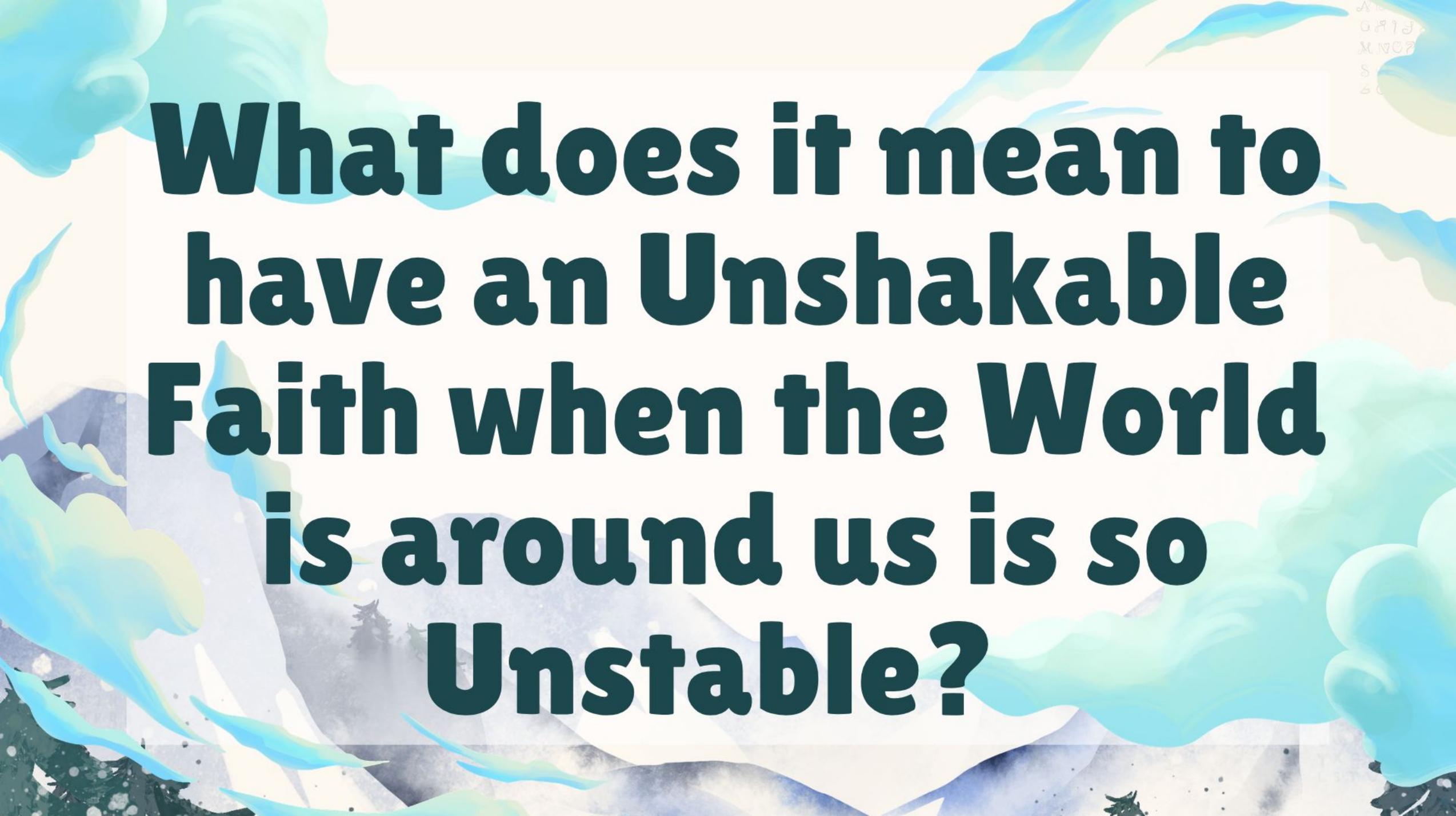
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**Just Wait!**  
**Hardship is coming!**



**What does it mean to  
have an Unshakable  
Faith when the World  
is around us is so  
Unstable?**

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John 16:33

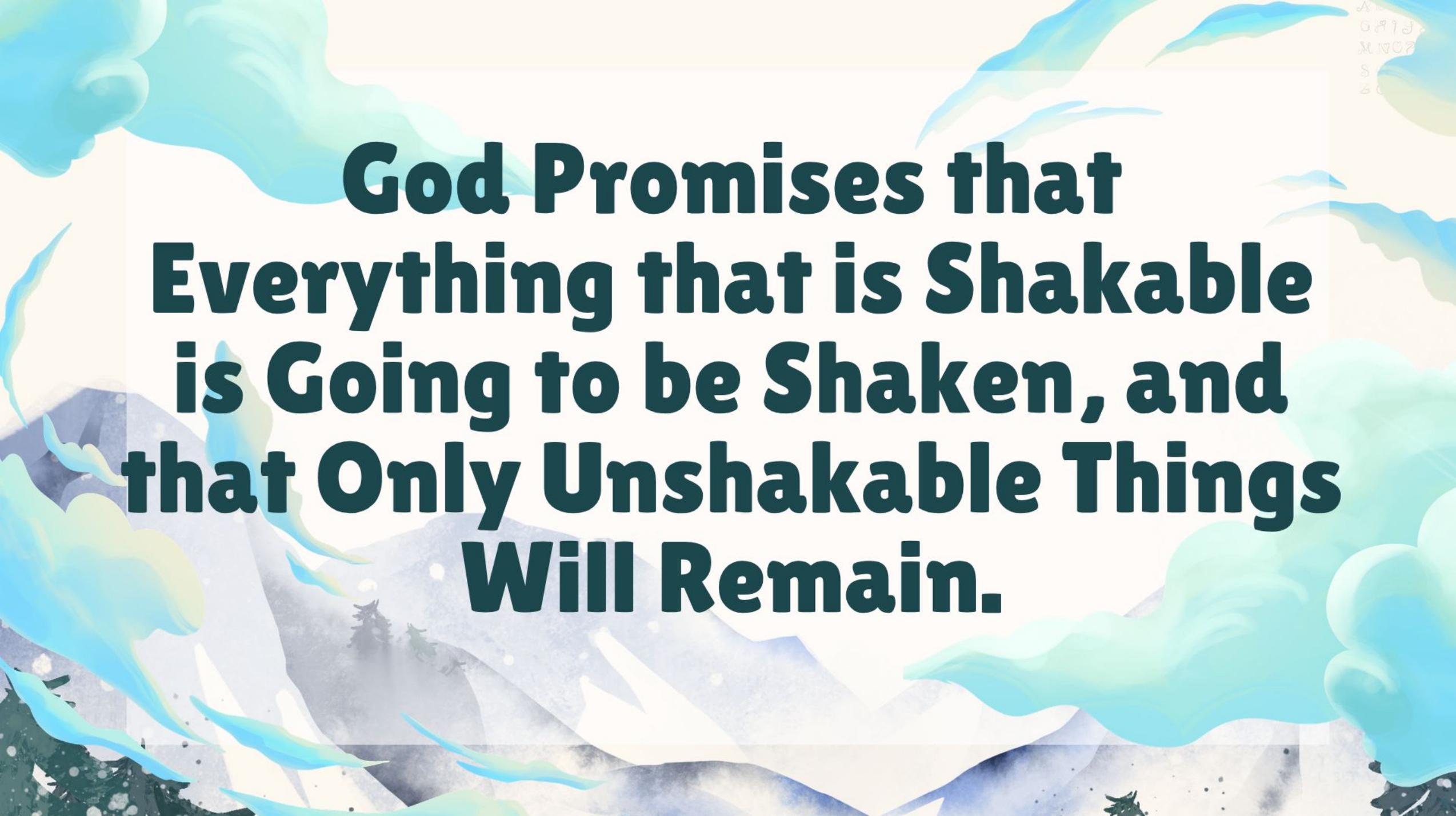
I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

# Hebrews 12:26–29

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**This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.**

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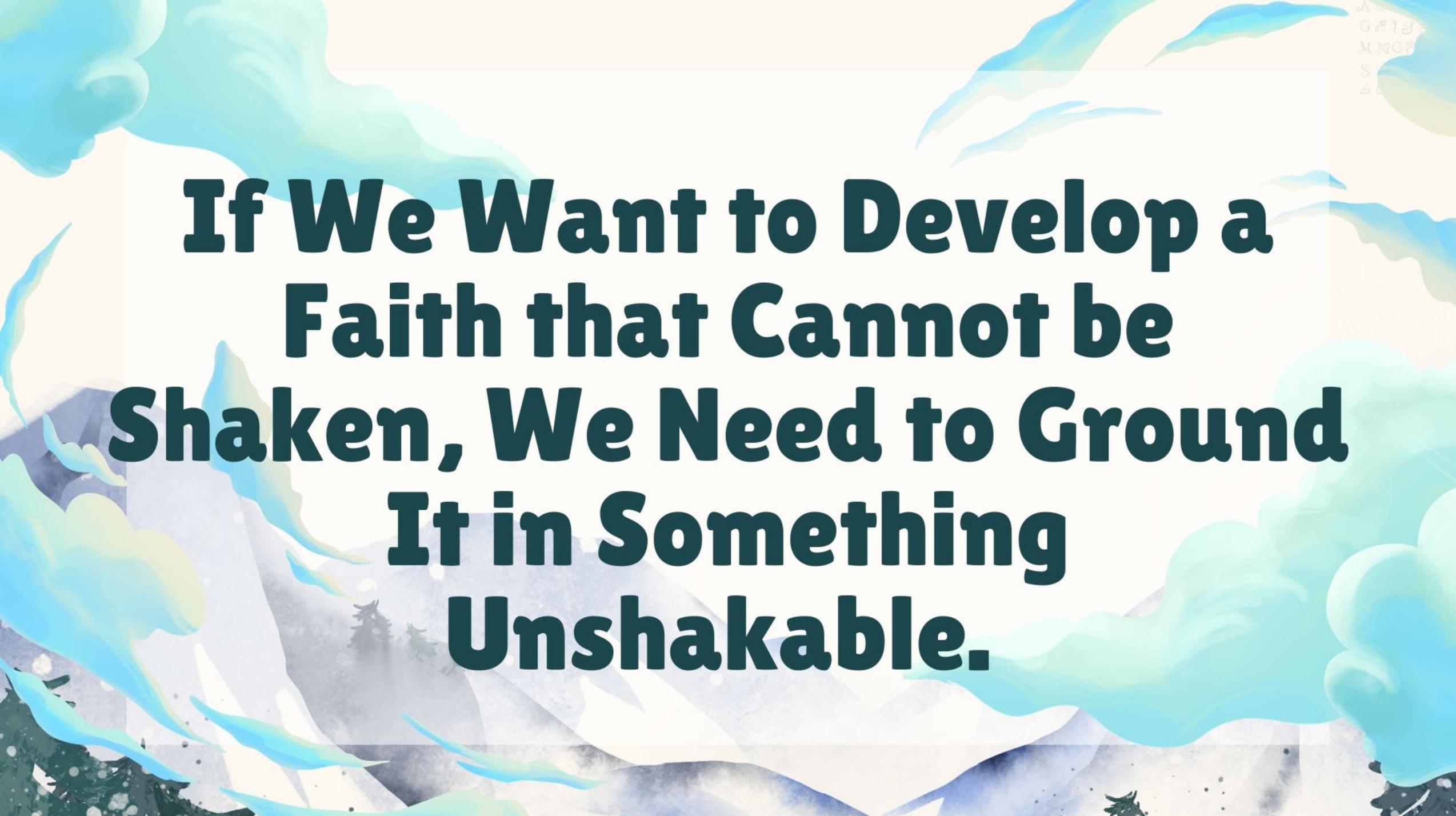
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- Entertainment?
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**If We Want to Develop a  
Faith that Cannot be  
Shaken, We Need to Ground  
It in Something  
Unshakable.**

# Hebrews 12:18-24

18 You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. 19 For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. 20 They staggered back under God's command: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death." 21 Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling."

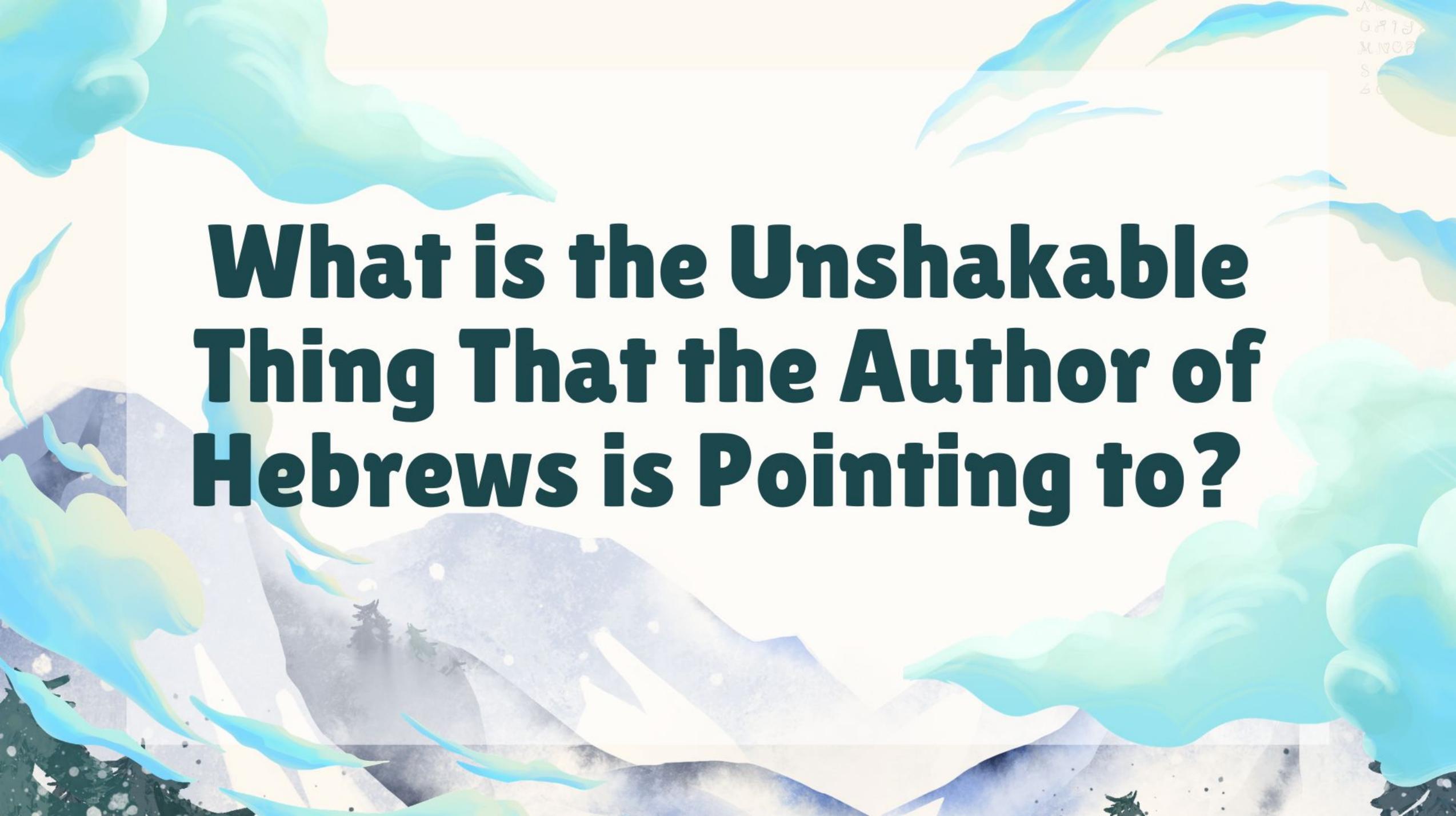
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22 No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. 23 You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. 24 You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.

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**What is the Unshakable  
Thing That the Author of  
Hebrews is Pointing to?**

# Is God's Kingdom:

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- My Romantic Partner?
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**According to the Author of Hebrews, these Unshakable things are the Kingdom:**

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- People are imitating Jesus' loving sacrifice through forgiveness.

# **Isaiah 65:17-25**

**17 “Look! I am creating new heavens and a new earth,  
and no one will even think about the old ones  
anymore.**

**18 Be glad; rejoice forever in my creation!  
And look! I will create Jerusalem as a place of  
happiness. Her people will be a source of joy.**

**19 I will rejoice over Jerusalem and delight in my  
people.**

**And the sound of weeping and crying will be heard in  
it no more.**

# Isaiah 65:17-25

20 "No longer will babies die when only a few days old. No longer will adults die before they have lived a full life. No longer will people be considered old at one hundred! Only the cursed will die that young!

21 In those days people will live in the houses they build and eat the fruit of their own vineyards.

22 Unlike the past, invaders will not take their houses and confiscate their vineyards. For my people will live as long as trees, and my chosen ones will have time to enjoy their hard-won gains.

# **Isaiah 65:17-25**

**23 They will not work in vain,  
and their children will not be doomed to misfortune.**

**For they are people blessed by the LORD,  
and their children, too, will be blessed.**

**24 I will answer them before they even call to me.**

**While they are still talking about their needs,  
I will go ahead and answer their prayers!**

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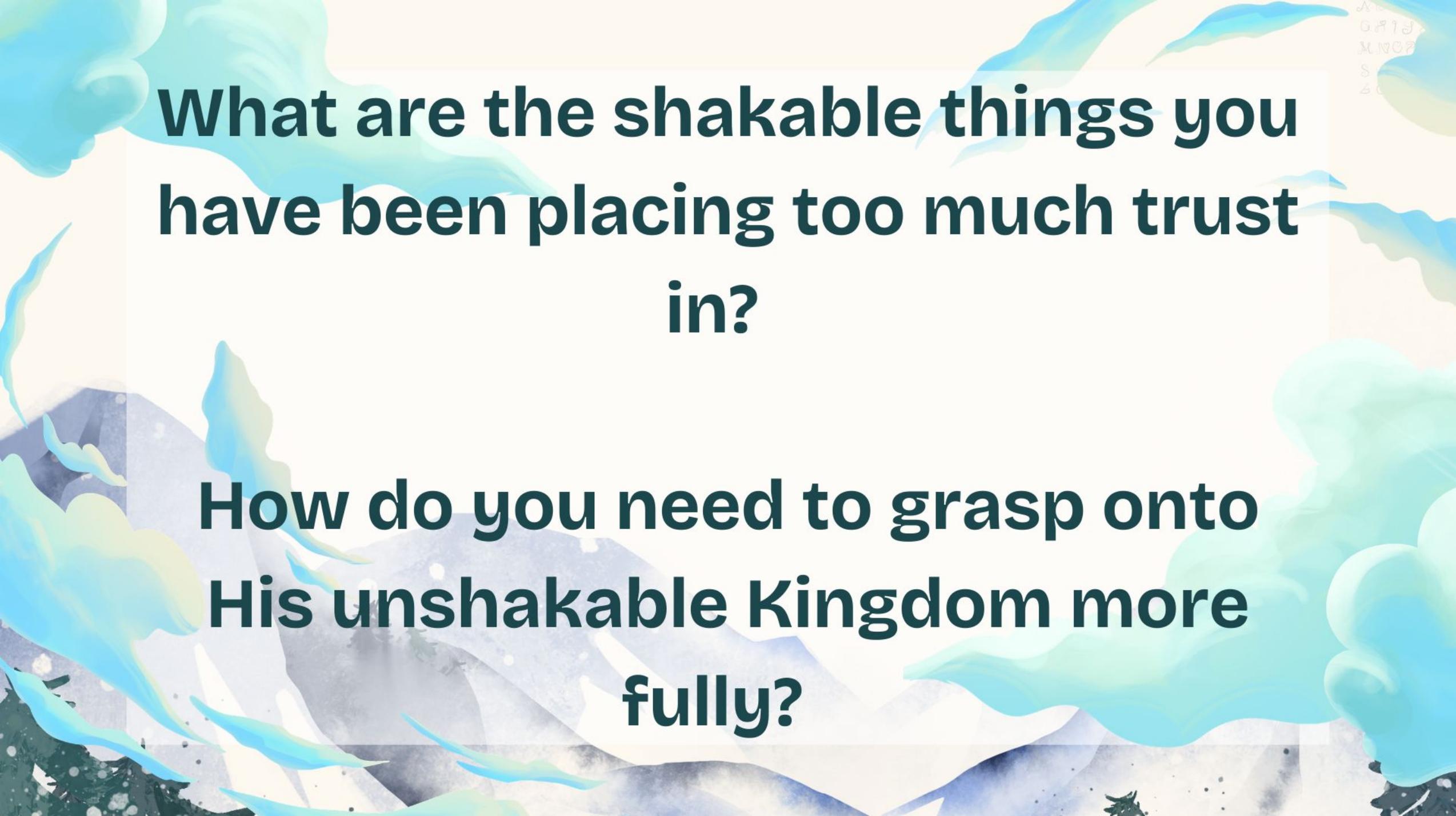
**25 The wolf and the lamb will feed together.**

**The lion will eat hay like a cow.**

**But the snakes will eat dust.**

**In those days no one will be hurt or destroyed on my  
holy mountain.**

**I, the LORD, have spoken!"**



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have been placing too much trust  
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**How do you need to grasp onto  
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