

## Unshakable—4

### When God Seems Slow

*In the third year of the reign of King Cyrus of Persia, Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar) had another vision. He understood that the vision concerned events certain to happen in the future—times of war and great hardship. <sup>2</sup>When this vision came to me, I, Daniel, had been in mourning for three whole weeks. <sup>3</sup>All that time I had eaten no rich food. No meat or wine crossed my lips, and I used no fragrant lotions until those three weeks had passed. Daniel 10:1-3 NLT*

*I looked up and saw a man dressed in linen clothing, with a belt of pure gold around his waist. <sup>6</sup>His body looked like a precious gem. His face flashed like lightning, and his eyes flamed like torches. His arms and feet shone like polished bronze, and his voice roared like a vast multitude of people. <sup>7</sup>Only I, Daniel, saw this vision. The men with me saw nothing, but they were suddenly terrified and ran away to hide. <sup>8</sup>So I was left there all alone to see this amazing vision. ... Daniel 10:5-8 NLT*

*... My strength left me, my face grew deathly pale, and I felt very weak. <sup>9</sup>Then I heard the man speak, and when I heard the sound of his voice, I fainted and lay there with my face to the ground. Daniel 10:8-9 NLT*

*Just then a hand touched me and lifted me, still trembling, to my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And the man said to me, “Daniel, you are very precious to God ...” Daniel 10:10-11 NLT*

*But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. Psalm 3:3 ESV*

*Then [the angelic being] said, “Don’t be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day you began to pray for understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your request has been heard in heaven. I have come in answer to your prayer.” Daniel 10:12 NLT*

*“But for twenty-one days the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia blocked my way. Then Michael, one of the archangels, came to help me, and I left*

*him there with the spirit prince of the kingdom of Persia.”*

Daniel 10:13 NLT

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12 NIV*

**While you’re waiting, God is still working.**

*Then the one who looked like a man touched me again, and I felt my strength returning. <sup>19</sup>“Don’t be afraid,” he said, “for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!” ... Daniel 10:18-19 NLT*

*“... there is a God in heaven ...” Daniel 2:28 NLT*

## **TALK IT OVER**

Read **Psalm 3:3**. What does it mean for God to be your shield, glory, and lifter of your head?

Talk about a time when you felt like God seemed slow. What did you need from Him, and how did you grow closer to Him through that experience?

Where are you waiting for God right now? Take time and pray over those requests together.