Good morning Arising Church, today is November 1st 2026.

Who here was edified by last week's sermon? We learned from Pastor Peter, Ian and Shane: that the cost of an inheritance is laying down our own lives, desires, and ambitions so that our brothers can receive everything God has promised them, without needing recognition, reward, or confirmation to do what is right.

Over the last month the Lord has been addressing our body, ALL OF US, on many overlooked, hidden and disguised places of sin. In short, he is exposing and sanctifying this body for the work of ministry.

- **1 Timothy 3:15 (NIV)**

  15 if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation [buttress] of the truth.

This is the purpose of the Church. An unshakeable foundation of the Truth. As the world gets more and more shaken, the church of the Living God is unshakable as a foundation and pillar of the truth. The one place that people should be able to look at for the plumb line of the standard of God.

Turn in your physical bibles to Hebrews 12

The context of Hebrews 12 is chapter 11. It tells the story of men striving for their inheritance. And MEN that did not quit. Lets work through Hebrews 12:1-7 together.

- **Hebrews 12:1–7 (LSB)**

  1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with <u>endurance</u> the race that is set before us,

- **Man, we love this verse — We all want to lay aside weights, and sin, and run the race with endurance!**
- **Let's keep reading and take note on how we run the race with endurance with more context than we usually consider in this passage.**

> **2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**
> **3 For consider Him who has <u>endured</u> such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary, fainting in heart.**

- **Fix yours eyes on Jesus, this verse is quoted all the time, but sometimes verses like this become like a bumper sticker slogan rather than a revelation of who Jesus is? He is The author and the perfector of our faith.**
- **See, you don't get to write anything, you're not the author. You are not the one who perfects your faith, he does. And How did he author it? How did he perfect it?**
- **Let's go deeper than just "the cross…" consider that he was falsely accused, beaten, deformed, murdered… so that you would not quit. So that your strength would not be worn down and exhausted.**

> **4 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin.**
> **5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,**
> **"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,**
> **Nor faint when you are reproved by Him;**
> **6 For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines,**

And He flogs every son whom He receives.”

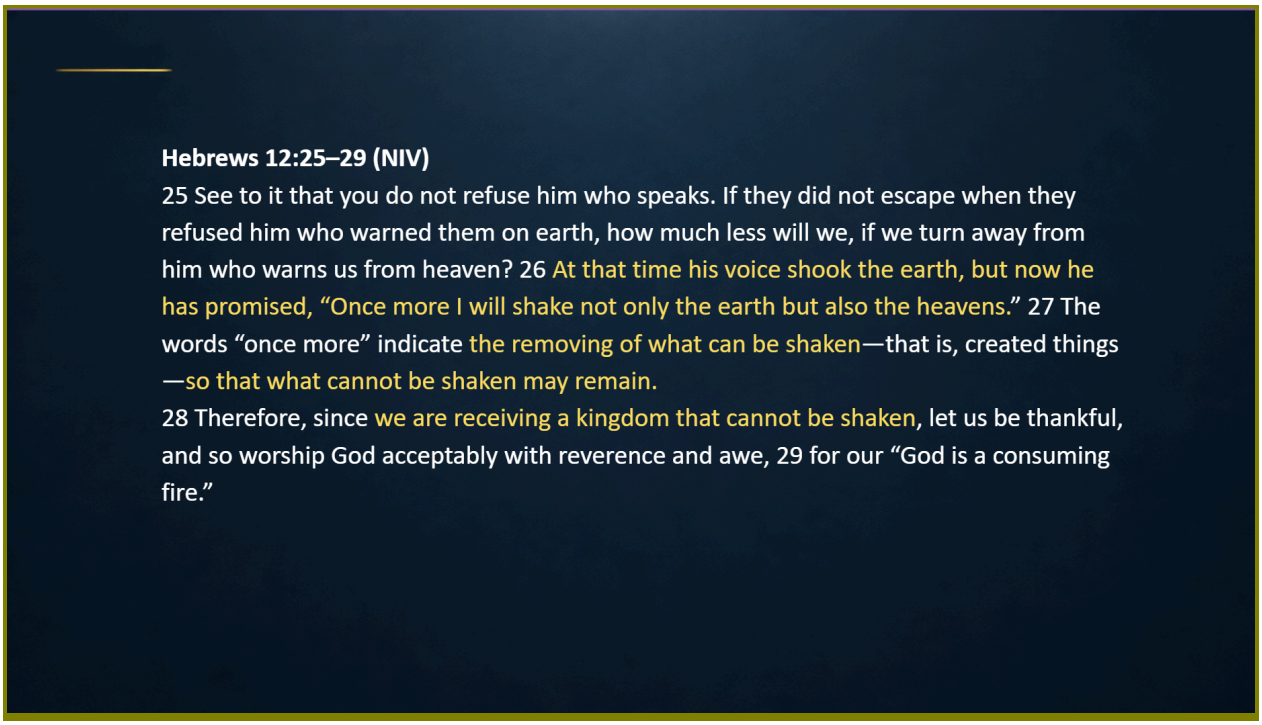
7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

- **Endure hardship as discipline. You being in a circumstance that is hard, troublesome, feels like the world is caving in on you — is actually for your discipline.**
- **Look, as we consider this point, verse 1 states that the race is run with endurance — this should cause you to consider that the race you are on is a race of discipline. Not to break you from being able to run! But rather so that you will be able to run that race!**
- **The discipline of God is like fuel for the race. We willingly accept it because in it we are being treated as a son.**
    - **Being treated as a son should cause us to be renewed in our endurance! Not break our confidence.**
- **The purpose of this casting off weights that hinder, sin that entangles is for the sake of running the race as Jesus did as an example for us. It is so that we will not be shaken in the race.**
    - **Consider a weight while running — cuts your pace, slows you down**
    - **An entanglement while running — causes you to fall**

That being said, when these are removed we will be unshaken in the race God has given us.

This has been what the Lord has been doing in this body. Removing that which cannot remain.

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- **The author of Hebrews is using imagery from Exodus 19-20. Where the people are sanctified, God comes down, speaks, they beg him to stop speaking, and Moses — MOSES was trembling in fear… The entire mountain was shaken.**
    - **Exodus 19:18 (KJV 1900)**

      18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

- **The Lord is the one who does the shaking.**
    - **This should become an expectation and conviction in your life.**
    - **When the Lord causes a shaking, it is for the revealing of men's hearts.**
    - **Ask yourself, what would other people say comes out of you when your shook up?**

- **Exodus 20:20 (LSB)**

  20 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may be with you, so that you may not sin.”

- **In Exodus 20 — the terrifying way in which God revealed Himself was for the purpose of testing the people of Israel.**
- **This revealed all. All pretenses were removed.**
  - **The shaking is for the purpose of removal of the things which can be shaken so that all that remains is the unshakable kingdom of God. In their case — the fear of God was all that remained so much so they thought they were about to die….**

- **The writer of Hebrews tells us exactly how to respond in times of shaking: Thankfulness and worship to God with reverence and awe as expressed towards each other in the first 4 verses of chapter 13.**

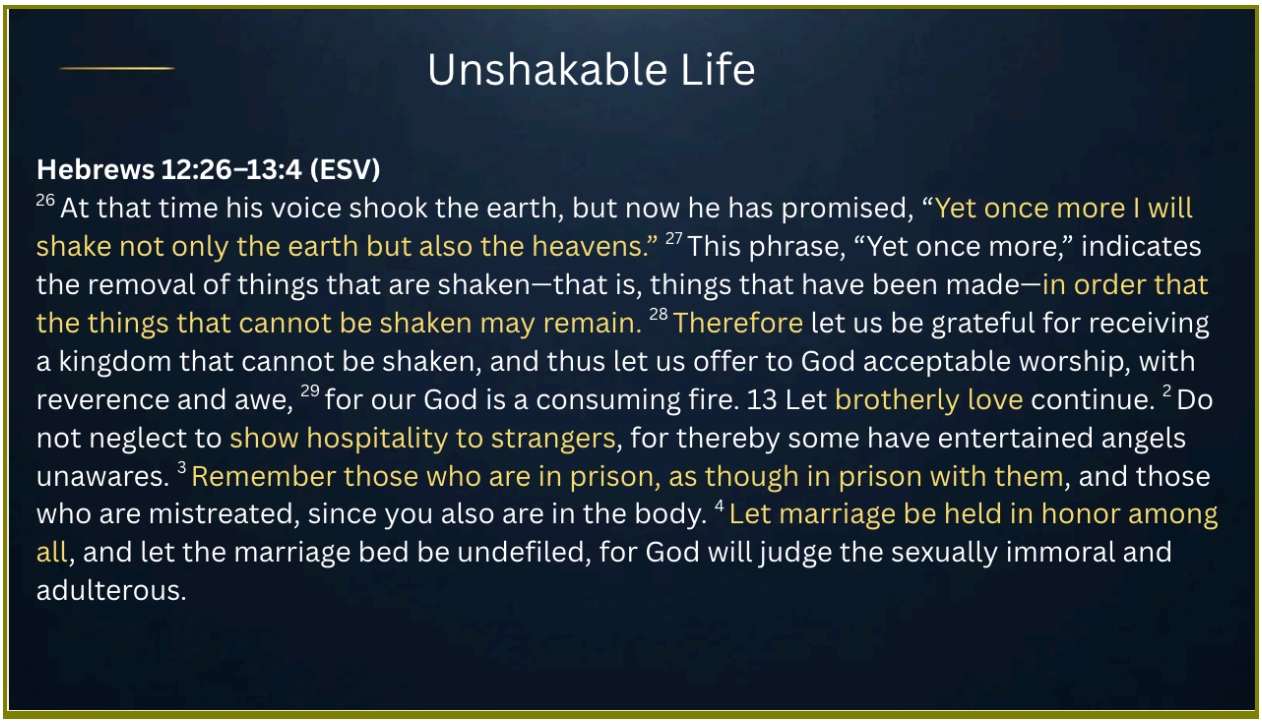
The Title of the message today is: The Unshakable Kingdom

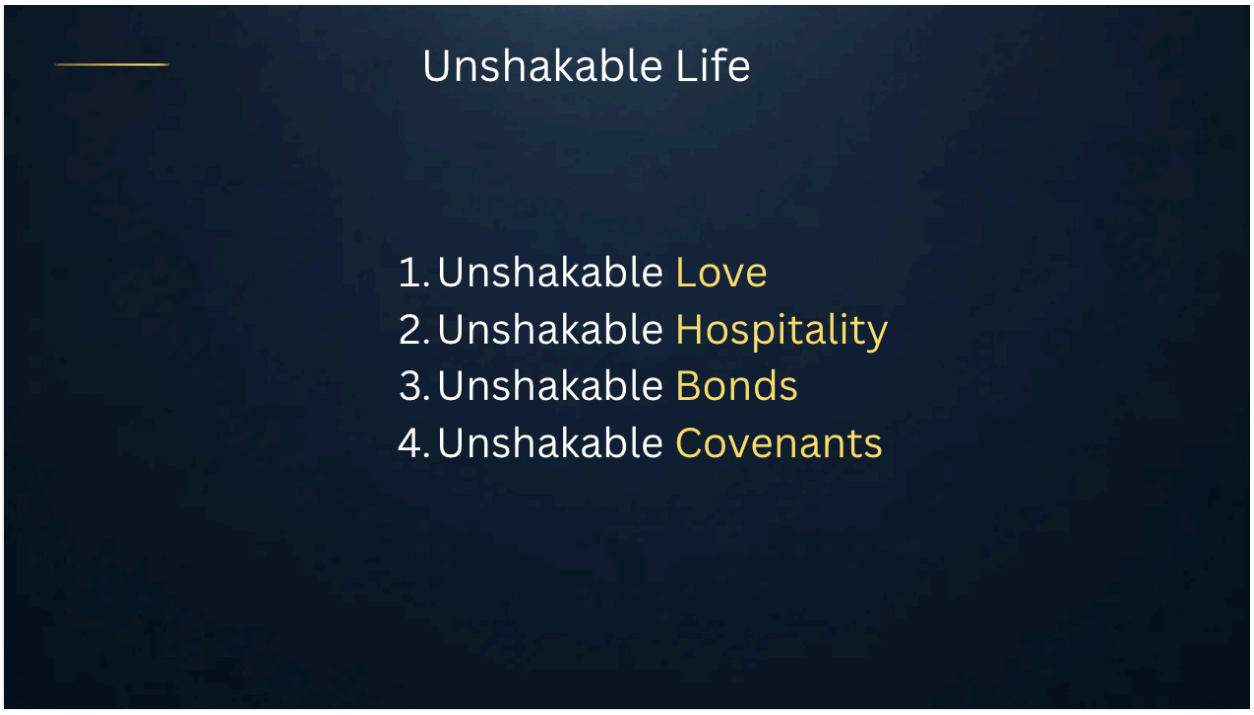


Turn your page to Hebrews 13.

Once your there say "unshakable".

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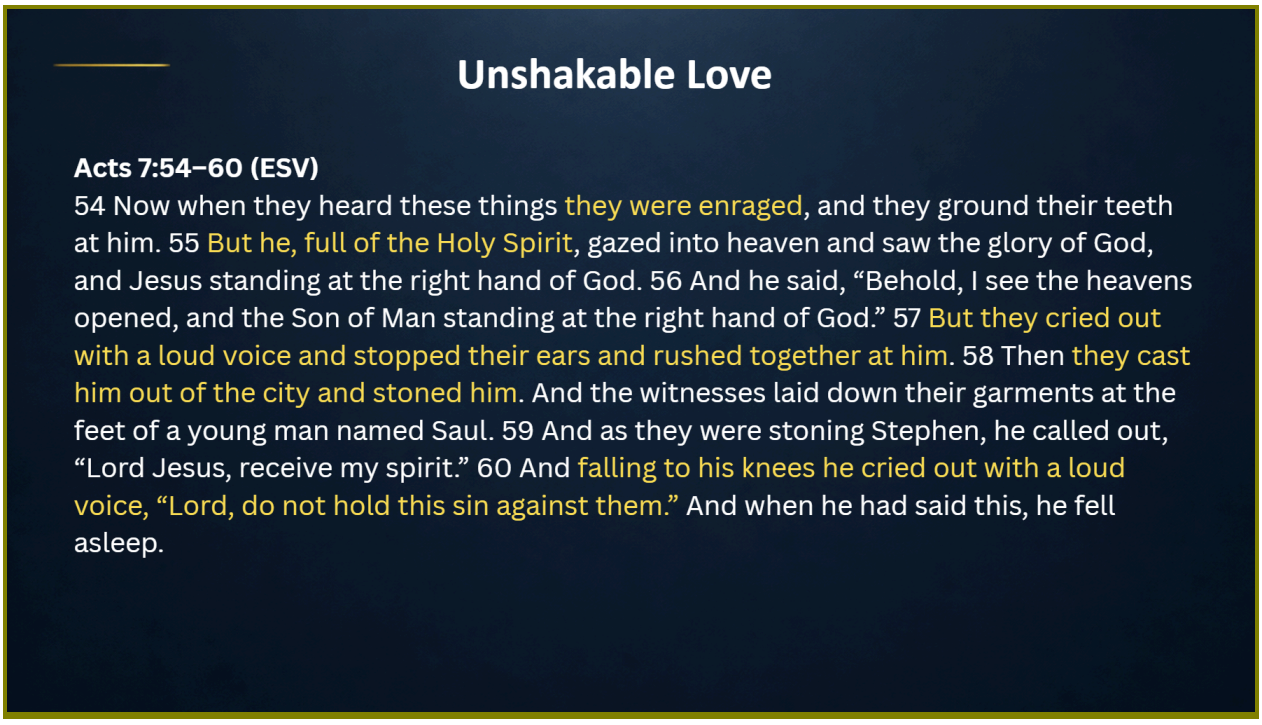


There is nothing more helpful then clear instruction in confusing times. In a time when the world is being shaken, when you are being shaken, these are your clear instructions.

- **Unshakable love**
- **Unshakable Hospitality**
- **Unshakable Bonds**
- **Unshakable Covenants**

We could read the whole of Hebrews 13 for further instruction, however these four points very much encompass and overlap with the rest of the instruction.
These four points the writer of Hebrews makes are all externally focused in the time of shaking.
The number 1 thing that we tend to do is that when times are hard, we start to withhold from the people around us and from doing the work of God in order to preserve our own lives.
We are going to walk through these four points as instruction on how to move forward during the times of shaking — since we know as we run our race there will be need for endurance.

Unshakable Love: In times of shaking — this is how we move forward
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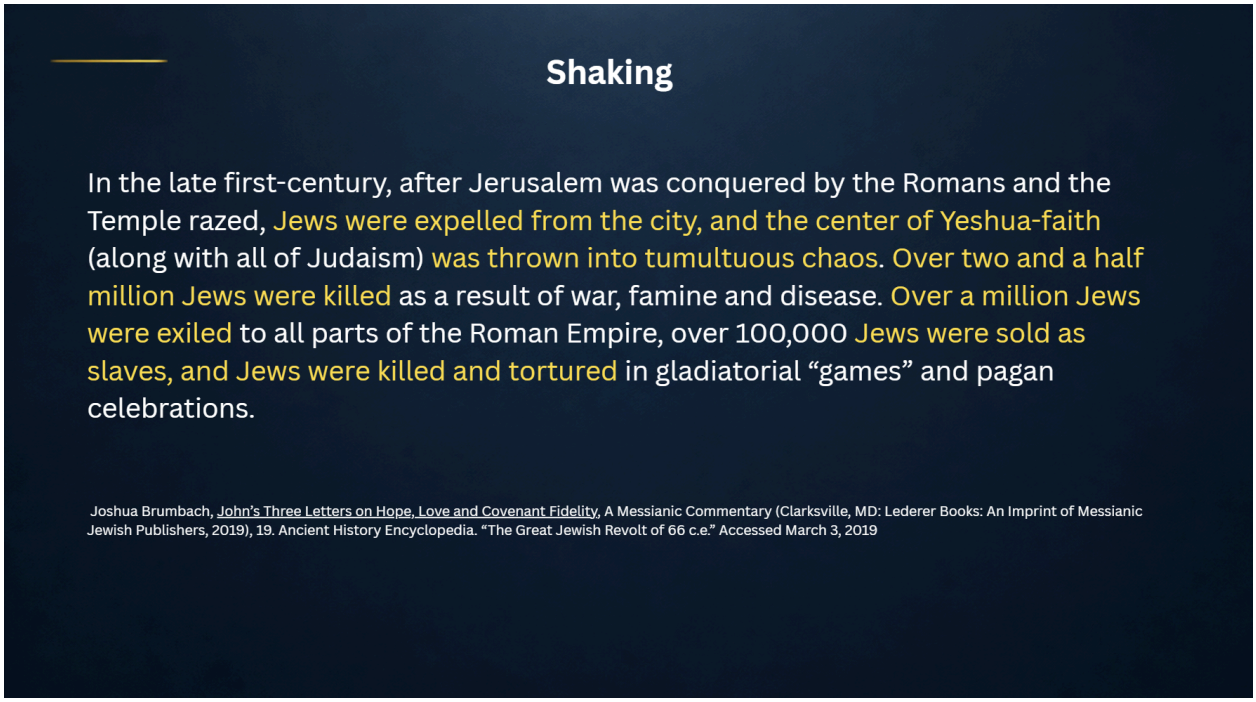


- **Consider how this love was expressed in the middle of a great shaking.**
- **Stephen is literally being falsely accused, given over to death and he is still interceding for these men's souls. What could birth this kind of unshakable love in a man unless he was formed in his very foundation by the unshakable kingdom of the Living God!**
    - **How would you respond?**
- **Let's take a look at what the Apostle John wrote during a time of severe persecution — or a great shaking:**
    - **1 John 4:19 (ESV)**

    19 We love because he first loved us.

- **Why do we love? Because we have first been loved by God!**
    - **This verse can become cliché. And has fallen victim to platitude — however the implications are incredibly intense.**
- **This necessitates that YOU love someone who may be unlovable and certainly doesn't love you back!**
- **The very thing that allows and propels us to love others is having been loved by Him. In times of shaking — we must remember what great love the Father has lavished upon us — not simply to feel warm and fuzzy — but to propel us to love those around us because THAT kind of love has been birthed from the Unshakable Kingdom!**

Some historical context about this time which makes John's statement seem even more shocking:
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Put yourself in that context, when all that is normal has been removed from you… Would you be thinking — how do I help the body love one another properly or how do I love the body properly?
Remember the context of this chapter is not only, the tumultuous state of persecution towards the Jews, but also — false prophets, the spirit of the antichrist in the world, and the coming day of judgement. These are all things that when we hear them in our day can cause our souls to be shaken. Yet to John, the Body of Christ understanding that their love must be birthed from God is very important as how to move forward in the shaking. In the midst of shaking times you have to remember to love each other :)

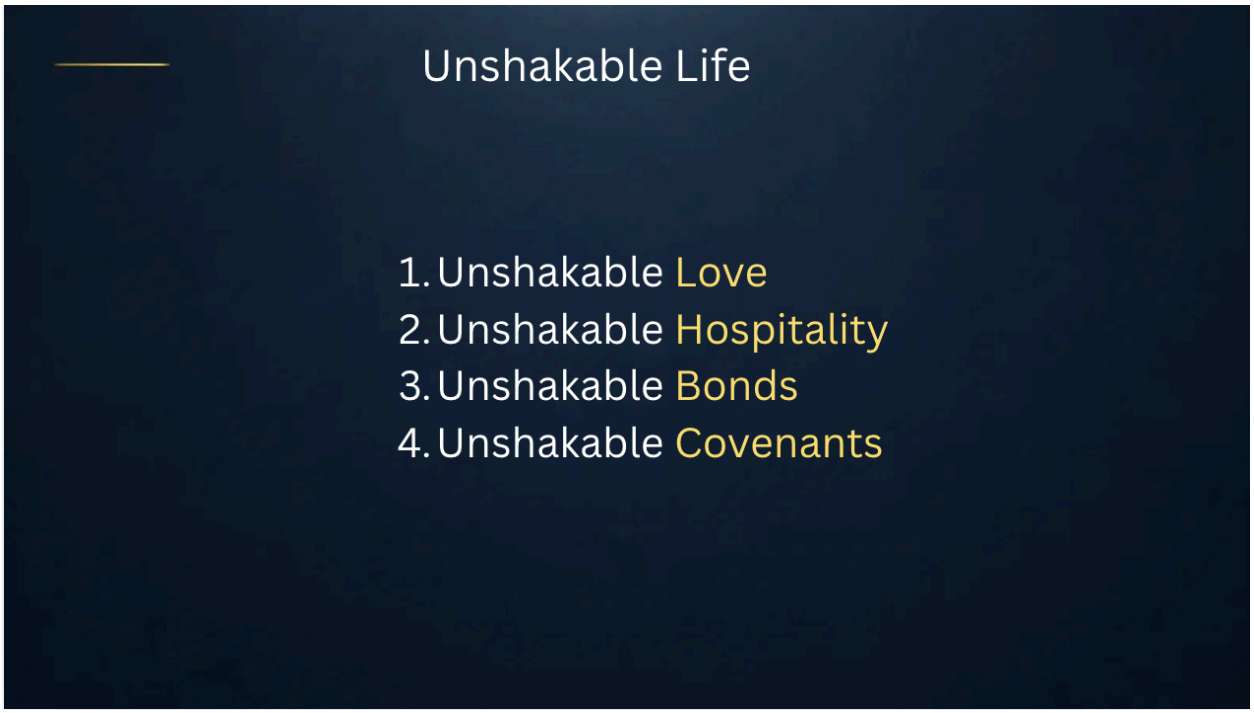
- **1 John 4:7 (ESV)**
  7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

- **We must fight for an unshakable love for one another, birthed from the unshakable kingdom. This is how we move forward.**

Remember, the number 1 thing that we tend to do is that when times are hard, we start to withhold from the people around us and from doing the work of God in order to preserve or protect our own lives.

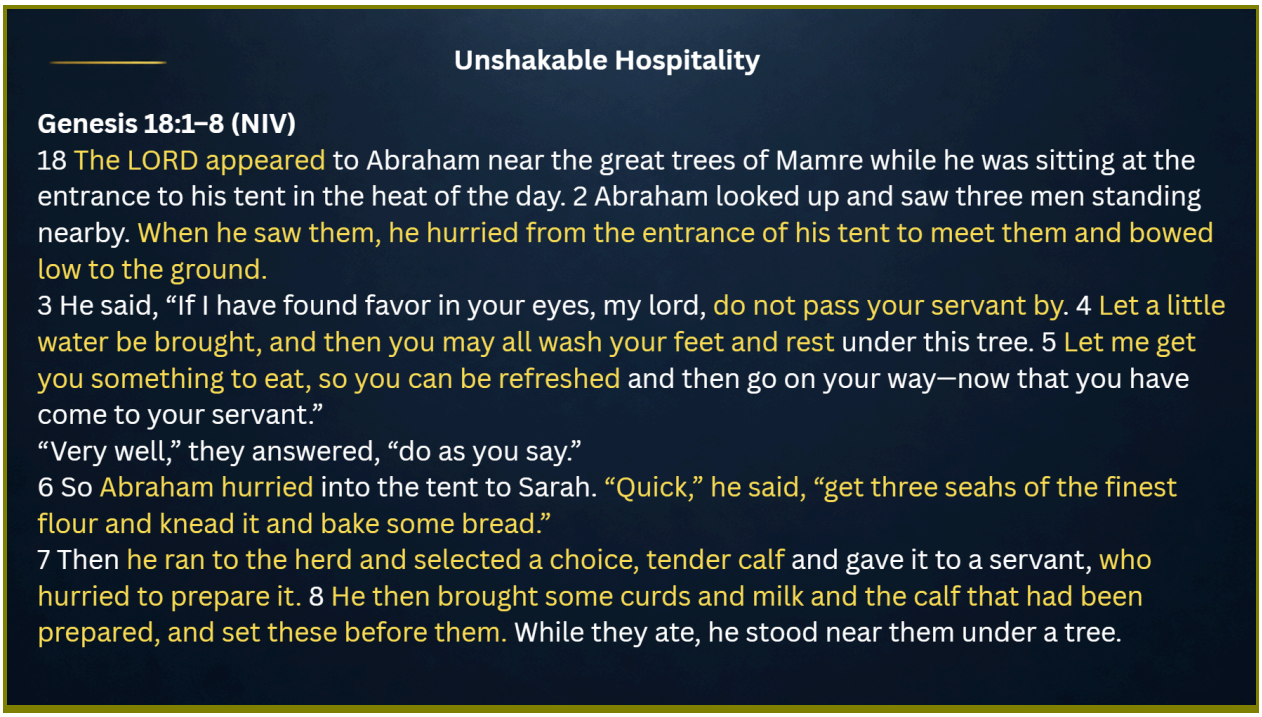
When shaking is taking place… We must fight all the more for the people around us.

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Unshakable Hospitality: This is how we move forward

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Abraham didn’t go looking for these three men, they just appeared. When was the last time you just invited someone you saw nearby and invited them to dinner? If this has ever happened to you, you know this can be quite the inconvenience. It can be quite jarring or shaking.

Look at his example: Abraham ran, to prepare the best that he had. Went above and beyond. He didn’t hesitate, or negotiate, he went all out to show hospitality and he ate with God. The way that you show hospitality has everything to do with how you treat the Lord.

If you and your wife start to negotiate the terms and conditions under which you will be able or willing to open your home or to give your food… that kind of hospitality will be shaken.

In the midst of great shaking… Our first thought is almost always about "ME". However the writer of Hebrews is stating that our first thoughts should be about "OTHERS".

See Abraham's concern: that he wouldn't miss this opportunity. That they had everything that they needed. Water, washing, rest, food. It would have been easy for him to be shaken up and calculate what he could give, BUT his concern is for them not for what he may or may not be able to manage considering the circumstances.

The man lived in a TENT with no modern amenities. Do we have houses? Electricity? A/C? Running water? Cars? Apple pay? <u>Surely</u> with whatever we have, we can show unshakable hospitality to our brothers without negotiations.

- **3 John 5–8 (NIV)**

  5 Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers and sisters, even though they are strangers to you. 6 They have told the church about your love. Please send them on their way in a manner that honors God. 7 It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. 8 We ought therefore to show hospitality to such people so that we may work together for the truth.

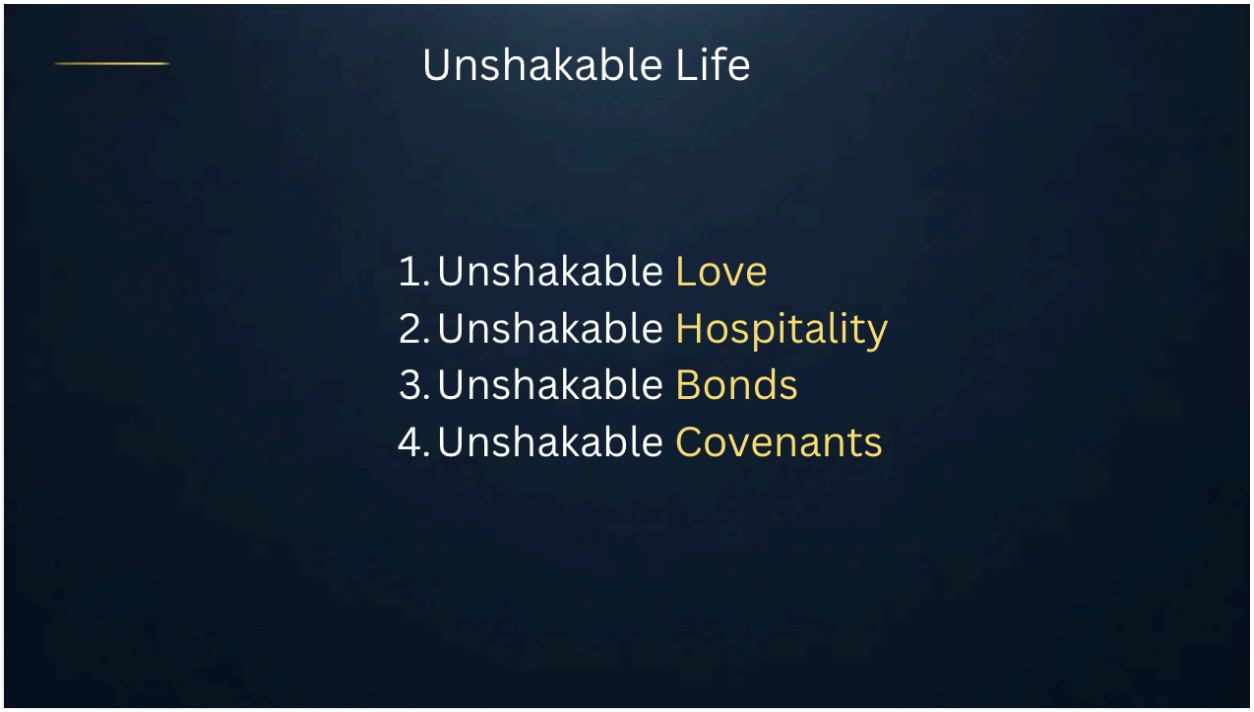
In 3 John, we see again hospitality is shown not out of some vague moral standard or compulsion… It is because this is what honors God!

Unshakable hospitality is birthed by an unshakable kingdom. This is how we move forward.

Practical down to earth examples

- **BRING PEOPLE TO YOUR HOMES**
- **BRING THEM TO CHURCH**
- **We are on track to send out 30-40 people**

(TESTIMONY TAC) We must hold onto this and press on all the more as shaking occurs!

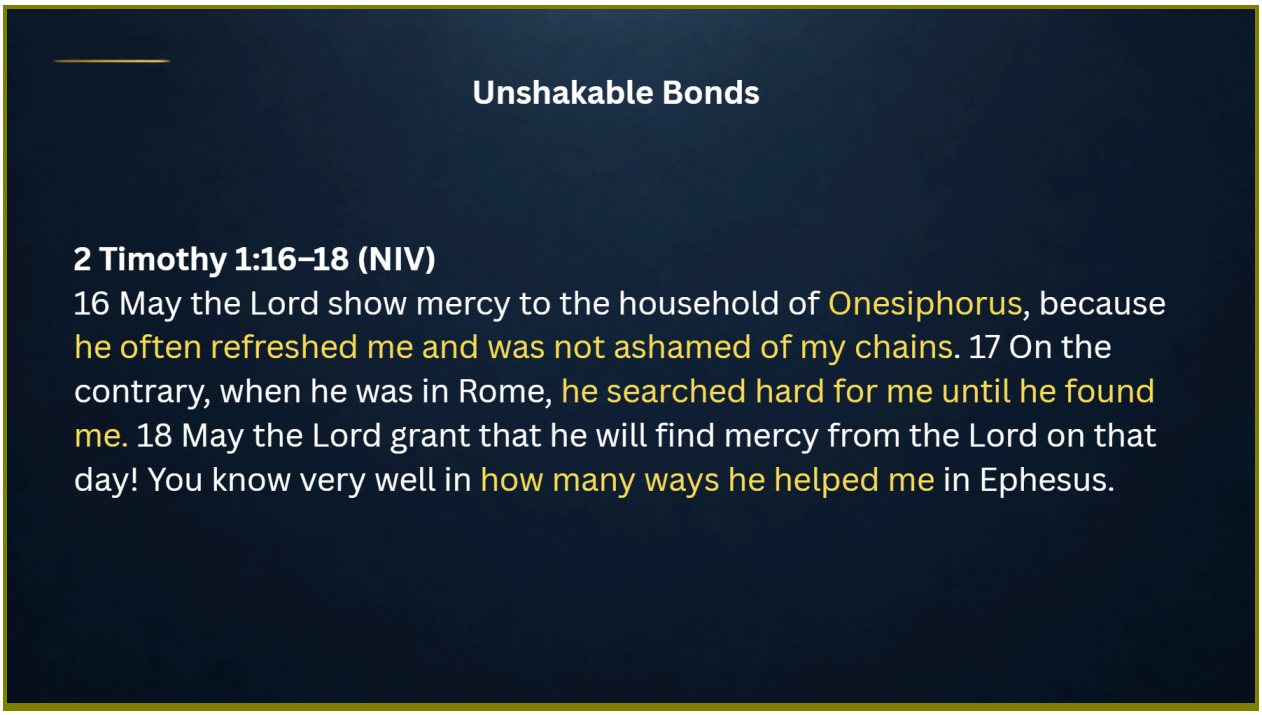


Unshakable bonds: This is how we move forward

- **Hebrews 13:3 (NKJV)**
  3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also.

Think about the ways in which we can relate to this. We may not know many who are imprisoned because of the truth who are being mistreated, however we see our brothers around the world going through hardship almost daily for the sake of the truth… Do we consider them as if we were chained with them in the hardship?

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We join with our brothers in their suffering. Not as victims, but as brothers who will persevere together. Unashamed of the suffering we endure, willingly joining each other in the suffering to help one another be strengthened and overcome.

Let's take a look at Onesiphorus:

- **He wasn't ashamed of his brother.**
- **He wasn't ashamed of his brother being wrongfully treated.**
- **He searched tirelessly for him, until he found him.**
- **He was helpful in many ways. Do you see how underwhelming this is? It not exciting, it's not flashy — its faithful to the bond of brotherhood.**

Consider this in light of what Paul wrote to the Philippians:

- **Philippians 1:7 (LSB)**

  7 For it is only right for me to think this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my

chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are fellow partakers with me in this grace.

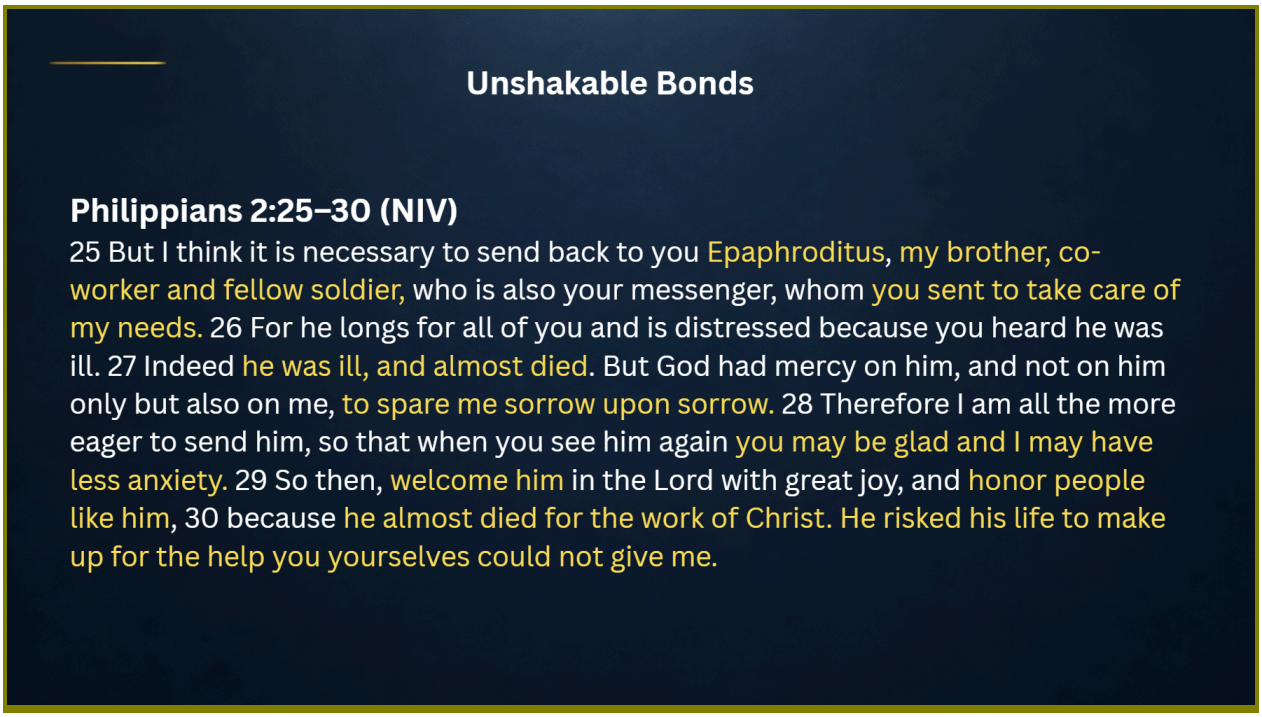
- **We become fellow partakers in the grace of chains and furthering of the gospel.**
- **Chains being referred to as a grace? A hardship being considered an empowerment?**
    - **This should draw your mind back to Hebrews 12:1-7**
        - **This hardship and discipline is fuel for the race which God set before them!**

To most of us being in chains, would NOT seem like a grace… how much more so when you're a free man and you choose to be bound because of the bond of brotherhood.

Remember, the number 1 thing that we tend to do is that when times are hard, we start to withhold from the people around us and from doing the work of God in order to preserve or protect our own lives.

A heaven born work must be accomplished in us to have this unshakable bond with our brothers.

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Paul calls Epaphroditus "my brother, my co-worker, fellow soldier." taking care of my needs. Epaphroditus is not exceptional, he is exemplary. Paul is in chains, and this man is sent to take care of him. While doing this he gets sick and almost dies.

I don't know about you but I would like to die in a blaze of glory and if I come close to death, I would like to imagine something far more James Bond like than almost dying taking care of a guy in prison. But that kind of heart is easily shaken… Because it's about you… But Paul says he almost died doing the work of Christ.

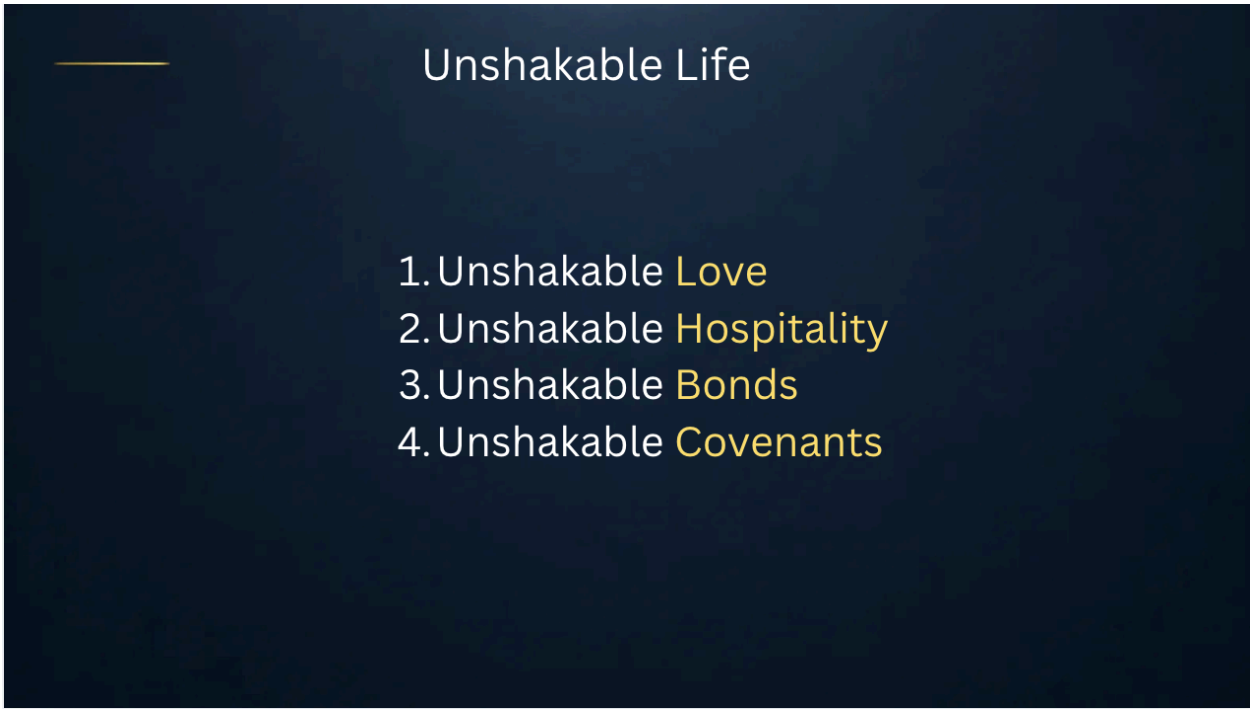
He says to honor people like him. Take them with great weight. Epaphroditus had a unshakable bond with his brother, which was birthed from an unshakable kingdom.

- **Philippians 2:4–5 (NIV)**

  4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

The unshakable bond of brotherhood, to share in each others suffering — this is the mindset of Christ.



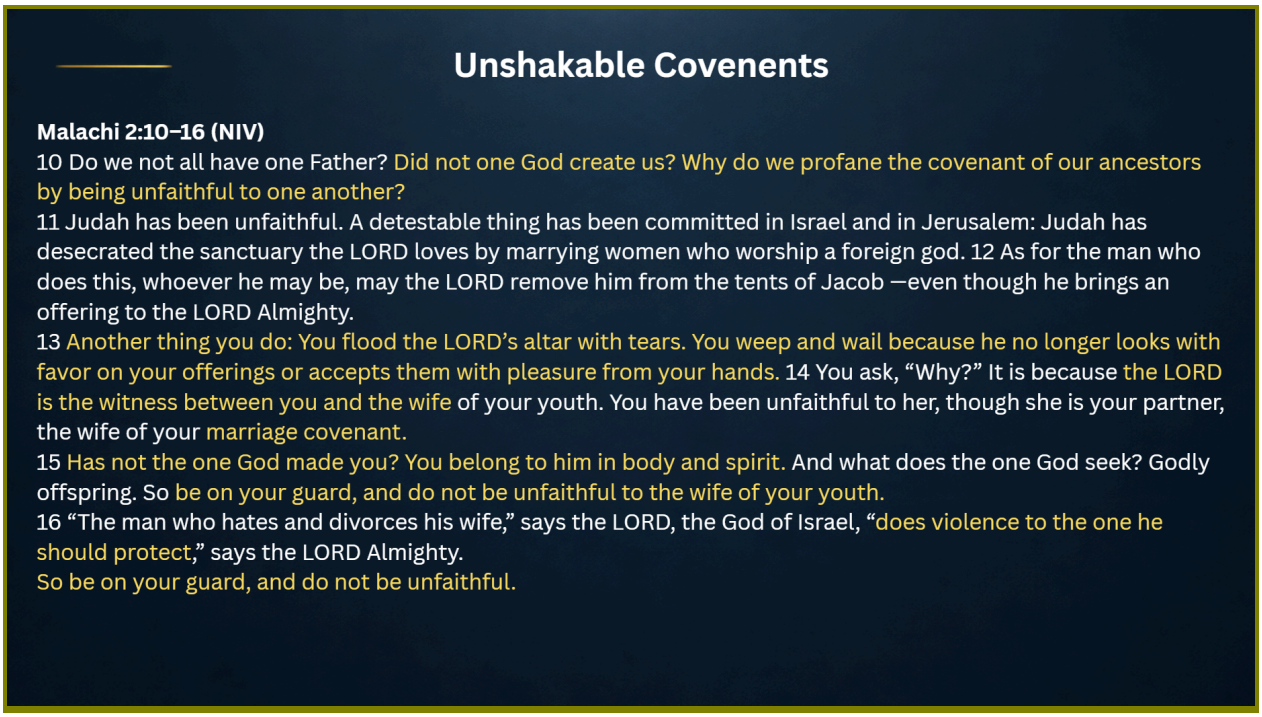
Unshakable Covenants: This is how we move forward

- **Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)**
  4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

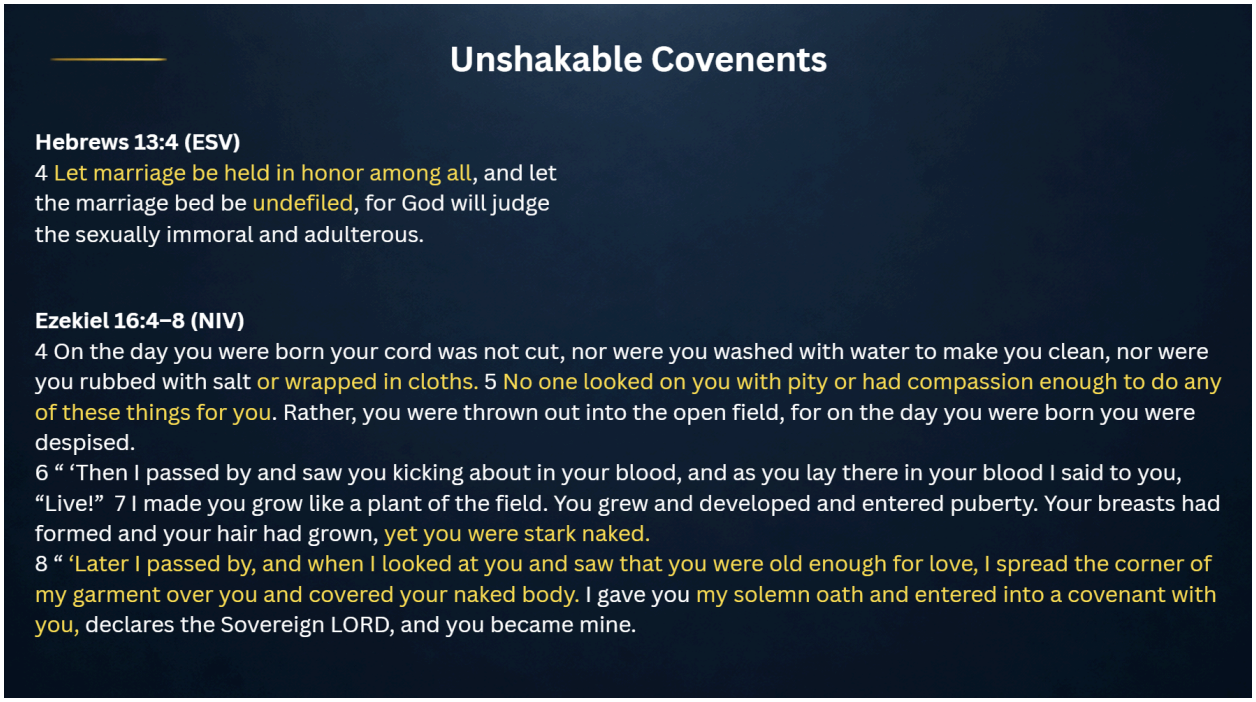
- **We are to represent how God thinks, feels, talks, and how he acts in our marriages. A marriage is two becoming one and fully representing His whole heart. This union is supernatural and born of the unshakable kingdom.**
- **You cannot be partially invested in your spouse since all other relationships flow from this relationship.**

- **Lets let the word do the talking. Everyone turn in your physical non digital bibles to Malachi 2.**

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- **This passage starts with unfaithfulness towards the covenant with God and sure enough that bleeds into unfaithfulness in marriage.**
    - **Our covenant with God must be unshakable. This covenant faithfulness to God is the basis for our marriages.**
- **The weight and seriousness you give to Your marriage or future marriage, bleeds into all of your relationships. And speaks volumes about your faithfulness to God.**
- **An unshakable covenant is birthed by God — Starting with the recognition that you belong to him in Body and Spirit.**
- **We learn how we are to treat covenants from God and his example with his people.**



- **When she was naked, He covered her. He showed her compassion when she was despised, and entered into the covenant with her.**
- **Can you see how in Ezekial 16 shows us God's covenant faithfulness with His people?**
    - **If the marriage is a reflection of Christ and His people, we should be taking hold of the heart of God in our marriages.**
- **She was kicking about in her own blood, she was alone and wretched, yet he did all this for her.**
    - **Loved her**
    - **Brought her in**
    - **Took her suffering as his own responsibility**
    - **And brought her into covenant**

Do you see the unshakable love of God, the ownership, the honor of covenants? We are to do the same.

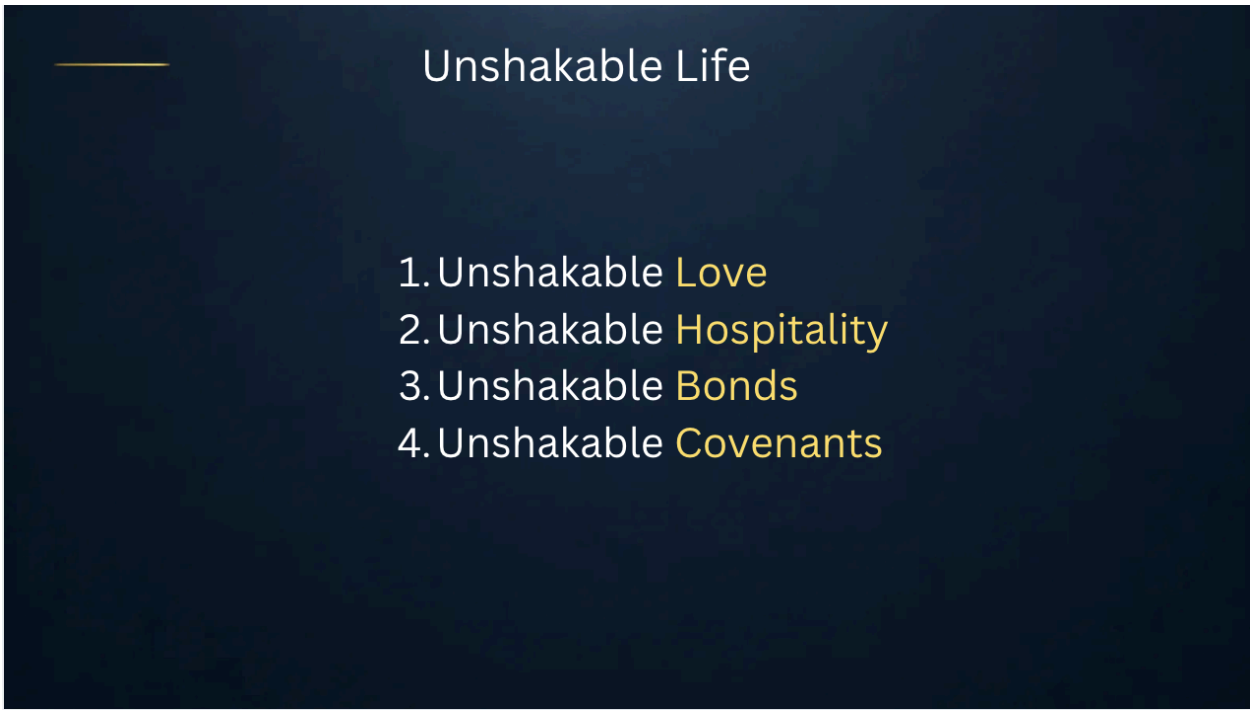
In times of shaking, we must be on guard to protect our marriages. It is the place where all ministry flows from and the most likely place the

enemy wants to destroy first. Consider that in a shaking, the first things to go in a marriage:

1. You stop seeing each other through the Spirit and begin to only see Nabal.
2. You begin to neglect your marriage because of a busy schedule.

If we are going to guard our covenant of our marriages it starts with how we guard our covenant with God.

Your covenant faithfulness is the source of your love, hospitality, and bond of brotherhood in suffering.



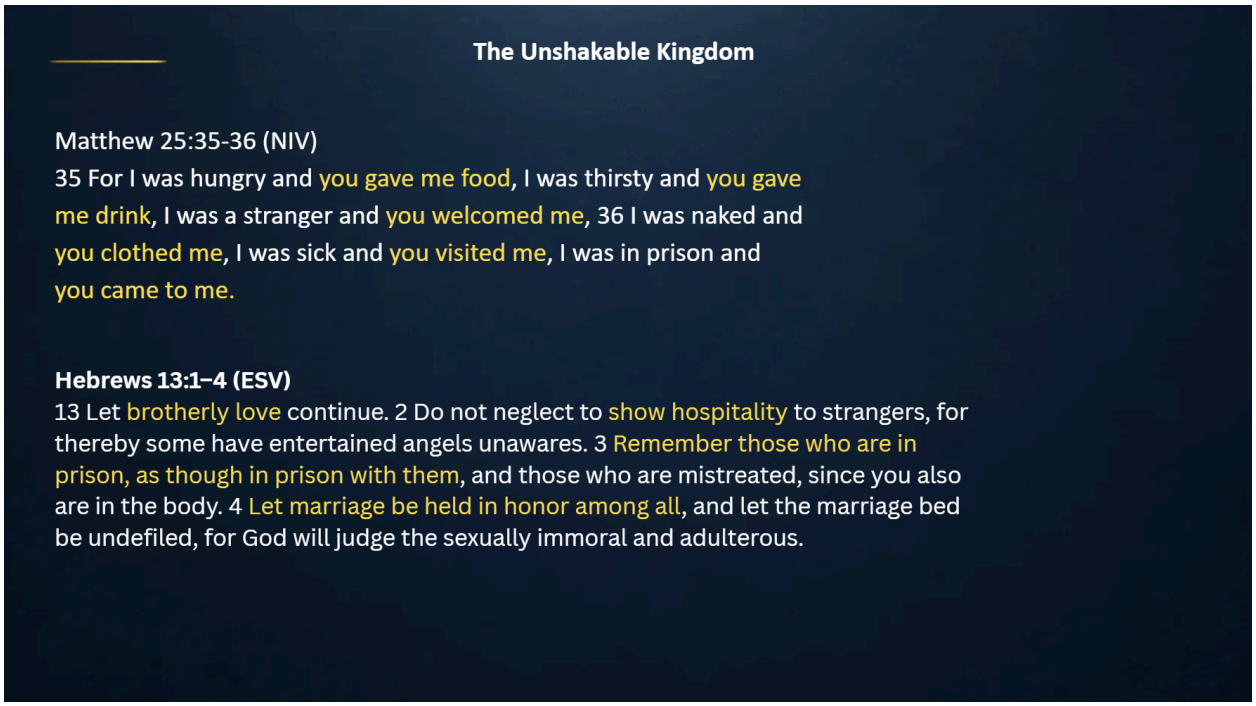
OUTRO:

- **Matthew 25:33–46 (ESV)**

  33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, <u>inherit the kingdom prepared for you</u> from the foundation of the world. 35 For I

was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

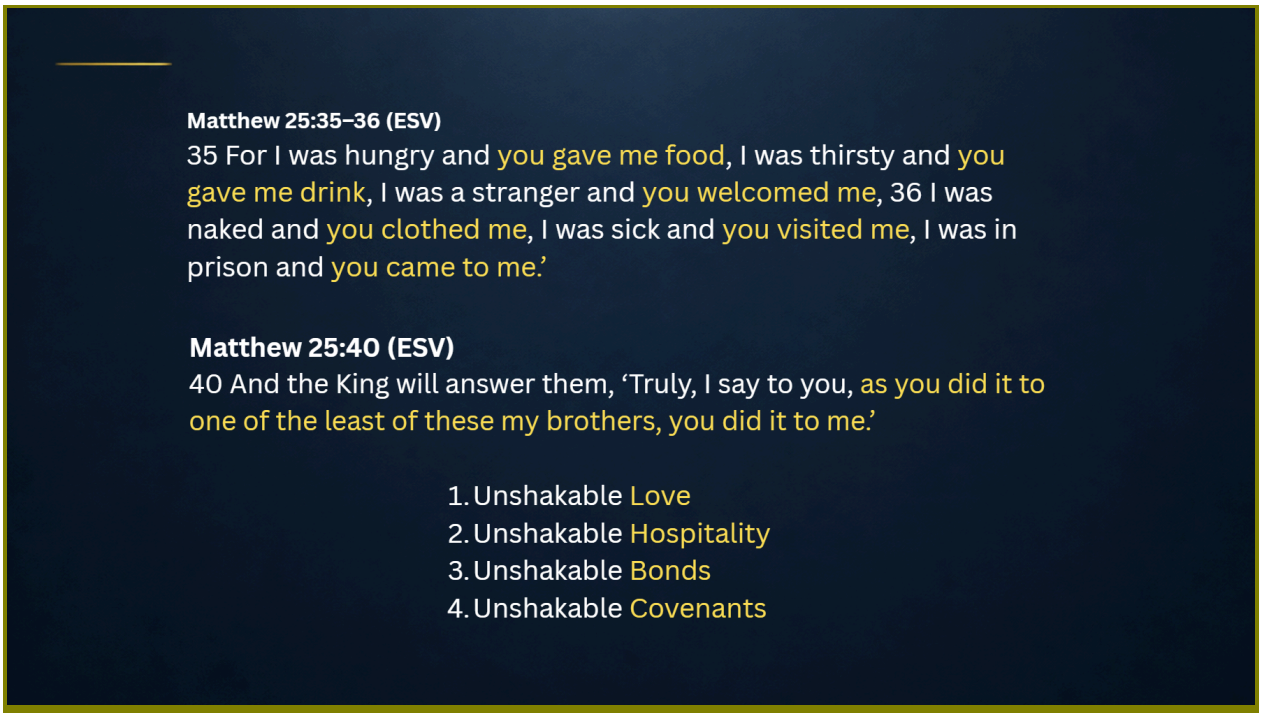
Do you see the connections to Hebrews 13?



Unshakable love - they fed the hungry and gave drink to the thirsty. They provided for the least of these.
Unshakable hospitality - they welcomed strangers, opening their homes and providing for those in need.

Unshakable Bonds - They remembered the sick and imprisoned, visiting them and sharing in their suffering as though bound with them.
Unshakable Covenants - They covered the naked, just as God spread His garment over them, covered their nakedness, and entered into covenant with Israel (Ezek.16)

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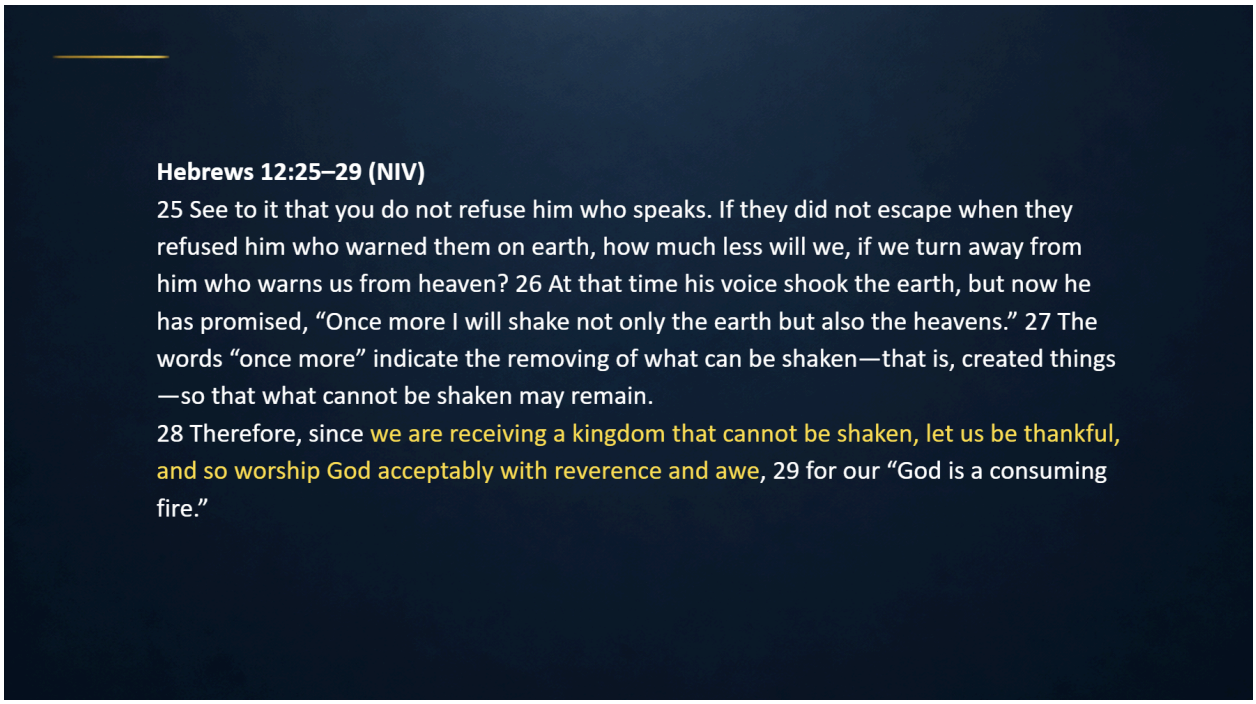
These are the things that the sheep were expected to be doing before the judgement.

To show unshakable love for their brothers. To demonstrate unshakable hospitality for strangers, to have an unshakable bond in the suffering of their brothers… As if they were in chains with them… this was done by those who were unshakable in their covenant to the Lord — those blessed by the Father.

These things which they did were birthed from the unshakable kingdom, And in this judgement the way they moved forward through the shaking in their lives was everything.

These faithful, unshakable believers are receiving an unshakable kingdom prepared for them.

Look church, we want to circle back to Hebrews 12 one more time.



The shaking is good for us. It is what purifies us! It is what exposes our hearts and motives. And — how we respond is everything. We must embrace the shaking, remove that which does not belong and move forward in unshakable love, hospitality, bonds of brotherhood in suffering, and covenant faithfulness to God.

These things can only be birthed from God and if they are not — if there is any false motive in it, any part of fleshly compulsion — it will be exposed in the shaking.

How much shaking does it take for you to become shakable?

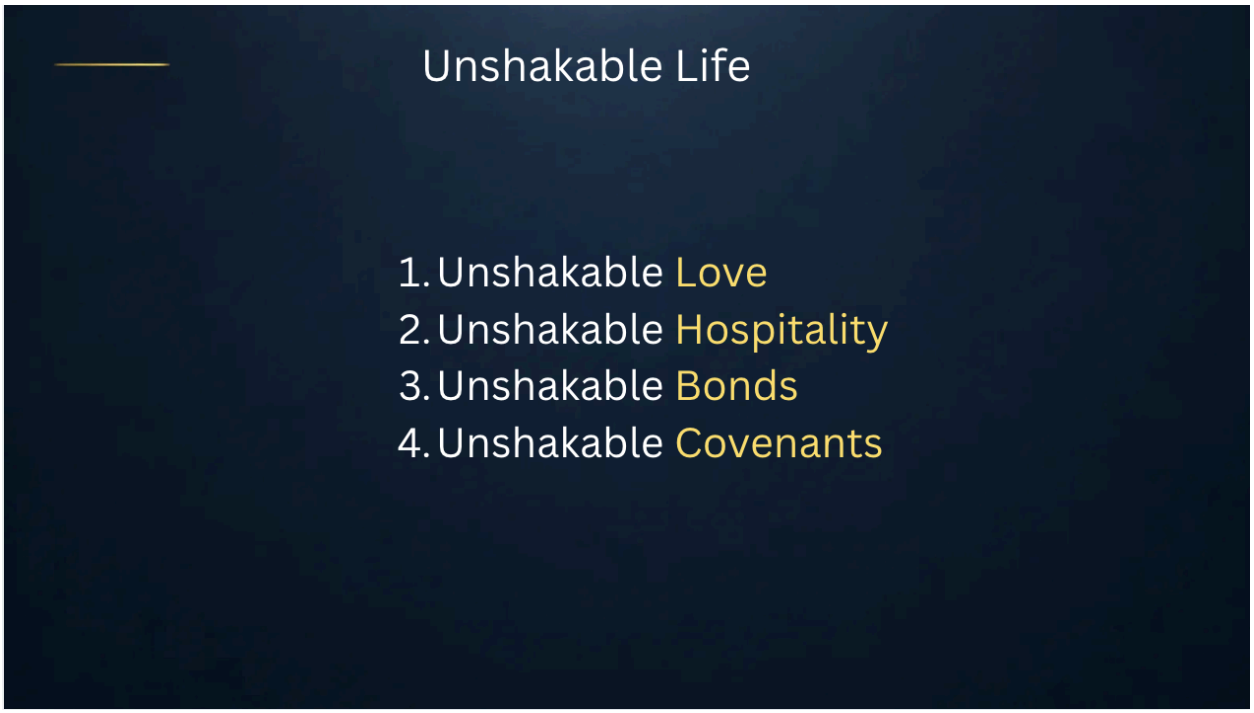
1. Kids act up you start speaking harshly to your wife?

2. A brother gives you a correction and now you are buried in offense?

3. Finances are low so you start scrambling to figure something out and check out from being with your family?

4.Or maybe it's all of the above…

Think about a sky scrapper, it looks strong, tall, built and designed to endure any shaking. But then an earthquake comes and it falls. Wouldn't that be a little surprising? Don't be surprised, the foundation was cracked. But it is surprising because the cracks are hidden.



Look believers who shake in times of trouble, were already unstable before the shaking. It's the continuation of an outward gospel advancement that no one sees that cause you to be unshakable. The love that you demonstrate when no one is looking. The hospitality that you show, that wasn't planned. The Bonds that you share, supporting your brothers with no recognition. The daily continued

covenant faithfulness to your spouse — and thereby the ministry that flows from God into your marriage.

- **1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV)**

  5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Church we are going to be shaken time and time again. No one can avoid the shaking, but how we handle the shaking is everything. How we embrace the removal of that which is not of the unshakable kingdom and continue in the things that have been born of God is what will enable us to move forward.
And by the grace of God, we will see this body continue to grow in these areas <u>through</u> the shaking and we will never waiver in difficulties!