

Unshakable

part 3 - Easter Sunday

4/8/12

How to become unshakable in uncertain times

1. Trust the example and teaching of Jesus

(a radically unshakable life of loving God, loving others and living the mission)

This reduces confusion and produces confidence.

2. Trust the crucifixion of Jesus

This reduces fear of punishment and produces peace with God.

3. Trust the resurrection of Jesus

John 20:1 Now on the first *day* of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb.

² And so she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."

³ Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb.

⁴ And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first;

⁵ and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in.

⁶ Simon Peter therefore also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he beheld the linen wrappings lying *there*,

⁷ and the face-cloth, which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸ So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb entered then also, and he saw and believed.

⁹ For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead.

¹⁰ So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

¹¹ But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb;

¹² and she beheld two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying.

¹³ And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."

¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around, and beheld Jesus standing *there*, and did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher).

¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren, and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'"

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and *that* He had said these things to her.

¹⁹ When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you."

²⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace *be* with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

²² And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ "If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained."

Trusting the resurrection of Jesus produces

a. the assurance of peace with God

b. the assurance of certain victory

Romans 4:25 He who was delivered up because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

5:1 Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

³⁰ and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

³³ Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;

³⁴ who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ Just as it is written, "For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

1 Corinthians 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,

² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles;

⁸ and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

...⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.
⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.
⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."
⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"
⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;
⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

Hebrews 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *shall we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.

²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven."

²⁷ And this *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

²⁹ for our God is a consuming fire.

These alone are not enough for an unshakable life. Join us next Sunday for the final part of this series.

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