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# UNSHAKEABLE

#### I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

PSALM 16:8 (NIV)

Blessings Westside Family,

This marks one year since we cast the vision of our Unshakeable discipleship initiative with the goals of growing in our faith and expanding our love. We are excited to share some of the progress that we are making together as God's grace sustains us and His Spirit empowers us.

Unshakeable is a reminder of God's faithfulness in a world that is competing for our faith. At this midpoint, we commit to remain faithful to God—honoring Him by placing Jesus first in our lives. We know that as we keep Christ first, we will build an Unshakeable Faith and release God's Unshakeable Love by wrapping His family around those who are hurting and meeting them at their point of pain.

We are proud to serve Jesus on this journey with you. We are God's family on mission together. We are loving Jesus by gathering together to love one another. We are becoming like Jesus by navigating scripture to follow Jesus together. We are sharing Jesus by praying with one another and being on mission to BLESS the lost, the last, and the least.

In Christ, we are UNSHAKEABLE!

Your Westside Leadership Team



**VHAT WE SET OUT TO DO** 

OUR PRIMARY GOAL

Unshakeable Faith

# **100% Engaging and Growing**

A year ago, we set out to engage every Westsider to grow in faith, trust, and generosity. Following Jesus is an active, wholehearted pursuit of a deep relationship with Him, a growing trust in His teachings, and joyful obedience to His commands—all emerging from a rich, growing love for our Savior.

Everyone has an opportunity to take their next step of faith by committing to be a part of Unshakeable this coming year.

Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well-built.

LUKE 6:47-48



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# FAITH

To intentionally step out to refresh our love and trust in Jesus

# GENEROSITY

To respond to God in faith, gratitude, and wholehearted generosity

# GOSPEL IMPACT

To bring Jesus' love to our community by sharing our blessings with others

# ETERNAL LEGACY

To build a legacy of love that lasts forever by putting our faith into action



As each of us stretches to know and obey Jesus in fresh ways, our faith grows stronger and more Unshakeable—like the wise one who builds his or her house upon the Rock.



OUR SECONDARY GOAL

nshakeable love

# Investing \$2.5M over two years to advance Jesus' kingdom

Our faith-driven outpouring of generosity empowers us to love and care for families in new ways.

Our Unshakeable Faith leads to Unshakeable Love as we become more like Jesus and give our lives to others.

# Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

MATTHEW 25:40 (NIV)



# WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO



### LAUNCH A FAMILY CARE CENTER

Provide gospel-centered care that creates spiritually healthy families

# IMPROVE OUR FACILITY & PROPERTY

Upgrade our KiDS & Student spaces, Community Room, & parking lot

### MOBILIZE WESTSIDERS INTO COMMUNITY & MISSION

Engage every Westsider into community and meaningful mission

#### INVEST IN LOCAL & GLOBAL CHURCH PLANTING

Financially support local church planting & increase support globally

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are committed to faithfully steward our finances and our resources to advance God's Kingdom. Therefore, we have prayerfully evaluated the exponentially higher costs of new construction and we are postponing the construction of a new lobby, hallway, and restrooms until we have the necessary funds to begin and know that it is God's timing.



# WHAT GOD HAS DONE

# GROWING IN FAITH AND GENEROSITY

commitments & expected gifts \$2,232,956

GIVING HOUSEHOLDS

298

total given to date \$919,651

FIRST-TIME GIVERS

76

# SUPPORTING CHURCH PLANTING

CHURCH PLANTS IN KANSAS CITY

\$17,000

BETHEL MINISTRIES IN UGANDA & ADOPT-A-VILLAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA

# \$38,900

HOUSE CHURCHES NOW IN SOUTH AFRICA

# 900

PEOPLE REPRESENTED

4,000

# MOBILIZE EVERY WESTSIDER INTO COMMUNITY & MISSION

A2 COMMUNITIES LIVING ON MISSION

PEOPLE GROWING IN GROUPS OR SERVING KIDS & STUDENTS ENGAGED WEEKLY

190

# LAUNCHING A FAMILY CARE CENTER



CONTRACTED WITH A PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR

PEOPLE ATTENDED CELEBRATE RECOVERY TO FIND FREEDOM

52 COUNSELING SESSIONS PROVIDED



STEPHEN MINISTERS & IN STEP ADVOCATES TRAINED



# WHERE ARE WE GOING?



# We are Enhancing Our Capacity to Care

- Increasing our capacity to care for families in our church family and community
- Adding new care groups for anxiety & depression, grief, & divorce
- Hiring a full-time counselor to support mentally, emotionally, spiritually, & relationally healthy families

# We are Mobilizing Every Westsider into Community to Increase Christ's Loving Presence

We are Improving Our Facility & Property

We are Investing in Church Planting Locally & Globally

- Equipping new A2 Communities to live on mission together
- Launching new group discipleship initiatives for all ages
- Upgrading our KiDS and Student ministry environments
- Upgrading our Community Room environment
- Replacing our South parking lot
- Increasing our support to our ministries overseas to see more churches planted
- + Planting a church in the Kansas City Metro

# THE GENEROSITY CLIMB

Generosity is like climbing. It requires intentionality, strength, courage, wisdom, and perseverance. Each step of the climb is a challenge that builds our faith and strengthens us as we move forward to the summit of becoming like Jesus.

Where are you on your generosity climb?

# **Initial Giver**

An Initial Giver is someone choosing to give for the first time in response to God's Word. They activate and deepen their faith by stepping out to trust God and their church leaders.

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A Consistent Giver has committed to the discipline of regular giving as scripture instructs. This is often someone who decides to set up recurring giving and experiences the joy of giving regularly and faithfully.

1 Corinthians 16:2

**Consistent Giver** 

# **Surrendered Giver**

A Surrendered Giver understands that Jesus gave His all, and their every provision is from Him. They respond by joyfully trusting and honoring Jesus with 100% of their resources—diligently stewarding it all for Him. Their kingdom giving determines their spending and saving, not vice versa.

Matthew 6:19-21

# **Proportional Giver**

A Proportional Giver embraces kingdom priorities by intentionally giving a percentage (or tithe) of the first fruits of their income in joyful obedience to God's Word.

Malachi 3:10

# **Eternal Giver**

An Eternal Giver gives sacrificially, seeking ways to convert their worldly assets and income into kingdom treasure. They see beyond short-term comforts and seek opportunities to sacrificially honor God with all that He has provided, leaving behind a lasting, eternal legacy of generosity.

Luke 21:1-4



# WHERE ARE YOU ON THE UNSHAKEABLE JOURNEY?

Every Westsider is invited, as each of us are essential, to help accomplish our Unshakeable goals. *How will you participate?* 



# **A New Commitment**

If you are new to Unshakeable, or have not made a commitment, we invite you to participate with us. Remember, our primary goal is 100% engagement. Join in the blessing by making your one-year generosity commitment to Unshakeable.



# **Finishing Strong**

Many of us made bold Unshakeable generosity commitments last year. You have stretched to live at a new level of generosity and faith, and it has been a challenge. We encourage you to stay strong and persevere in your commitment. Leaning out in faith is hard. However, this commitment to be faithful powerfully activates your spiritual growth. Your tenacity will pay eternal dividends as God lifts you to greater fullness in Christ.



# Increasing

Some of us have seen our faith and resources increase as we have remained faithful to our generosity commitment—praise God! While your original commitment was a stretch, perhaps you sense God challenging your faith once again. Consider this question: *Am I fully trusting God with my giving?* 

Prayerfully ask God if He is inviting you to take another step of faith by increasing your commitment.

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#### I AM NEW TO UNSHAKEABLE

I would like to make a one-year commitment\* (Dec 2023 to Dec 2024) to the UNSHAKEABLE Generosity Initiative in the amount of:

> well as your expanded giving over the next year well as your expanded giving and stored resources.

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- At the midpoint of UNSHAKEABLE, I would like to:
- commitment to finish strong
- nercuse my two-year commitment to:

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Gifts Needed	Two-Year Gift Level	Annual Gift	Monthly Gift	Gift Level Total		
1	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$8,333	\$200,000		
2	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$200,000		
3	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$225,000		
4	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$260,000		
5	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$250,000		
7	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$245,000		
10	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$250,000		
15	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$225,000		
18	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$180,000		
25	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$187,500		
30	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$150,000		
Many	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$127,500		
TOTAL GIFT GOAL \$2,500,000						

UNSHAKEABLE GIFT CHART

As you pray to discern God's guidance, use this gift chart as a tool to stretch your faith and generosity. Allow this chart to inspire and challenge you as you engage with God on what Unshakeable faith and generosity look like for you.

Have a financial question? Call 913-890-4049 or email hsmith@westsideleavenworth.com



Wk1 • Solid Rock Grace OCTOBER 22

- Wk 2 Solid Rock Desire OCTOBER 29
- Wk3 Solid Rock Joy NOVEMBER 5

Wk 4 • Solid Rock Generosity NOVEMBER 12

> High School Commitment Night N O V E M B E R 15

# Wk 5 • Commitment Sunday

Solid Rock Gospel NOVEMBER 19



Celebration Sunday + BiG GiVE DECEMBER 3



Access Sunday notes & videos, upcoming events, Care Groups, and more!

Download the Westside Leavenworth App Today!





# MY KEY LEARNINGS + NEXT STEPS | SOLID ROCK SERIES



# WHO ARE YOU PRAYING FOR?

# WEEK 1 | GRACE



# WEEK 2 | DESIRE

# WEEK 3 | JOY



# WEEK 4 | GENEROSITY

# WEEK 5 | GOSPEL



# GRACE

# Prayer

Father, I open my heart to learn and to follow Jesus. May Your grace bless every Westside family with all they need, and may we glorify You with all that we have.

# Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 4:14-20

What is the best gift you ever received? Best gift you ever gave? Why were they so good?

What does Paul desire even more than their financial gifts? What kind of heart attitude is Paul celebrating? Why is living generously so challenging?

Why is their gift "pleasing to God"? When you give personally, what attitude do you have? In what ways would you like to grow?

What do you think of the idea that God will meet your needs? Your needs are met according to what? How does this truth change the way you live?

What is this passage saying to you personally? What is challenging to you? What do we learn from the Philippians that translates to our Unshakeable initiative? What might happen if we all leaned into these ideas?





# DESIRE

# Prayer

Father, I open my heart to learn and to follow Jesus. May my desire to love You, become more like You, and share You grow as I am faithful to trust You in all things and with all things.

# Scripture

PHILIPPIANS 1:9	1 JOHN 4:19
PHILIPPIANS 2:13	1 JOHN 3:17-18
PSALM 37:4	EPHESIANS 1:3-8

What motivates you to want to give someone a gift? Is it something about them or something about you that makes that easier?

Was there a time when you felt like God really worked through you to bless someone financially or otherwise? What was that like? What was your motivation?

In the two verses from Philippians, what does Paul say is the foundation of generosity?

From Psalm 37, what is the connection between delight in God and the fulfillment of our desires? Do you think this verse means that a) God gives us what we desire, or b) that He gives us better, Godly desires?

In the passages from 1 John and Ephesians, what is the relationship between gratitude and generosity? In what ways could you use your gratitude as a motivator for your generosity?



# WEEK THREE | STUDY

# JOY

# Prayer

Father, I open my heart to learn and to follow Jesus. May my joy come from who I am in Christ. Make my joy complete as I honor You in all I think, say, and do.

# Joy is not pleasure, a mere sensation, but a pervasive and constant sense of well-being. Hope in the goodness of God is joy's indispensable support.

DALLAS WILLARD

# Scripture

#### JOHN 15:5-12

What is Jesus teaching about the source of fruitfulness and joy? What does he say we must do to experience joy? What specifically does this mean to how we relate to God?

What stands in the way of your fruitfulness and joy? From this week's teaching, have you struggled with any of the following mindsets: Scarcity – Skepticism – Entitlement? What effect do these have on your joy?

This is key: How does Jesus connect obedience, love, and joy? What does Jesus teach about what is necessary for a fruitful life? How can dependence on God, desire for God, and declaration of God's blessings make us more joyful?

What do you think is the relationship between your joy and your generosity? What change would be needed to make you a more "cheerful giver"?



# GENEROSITY

# Prayer

Father, I open my heart to learn and to follow Jesus. Help our church family recognize all You have done in us and for us. May we grow in maturity and gratitude. Lead us to Your will so we may obey You and fulfill Your good purpose.

# **Scripture**

ISAIAH 55:10 JAMES 1:17 DEUTERONOMY 8:18 PSALM 139:13-14 PHILIPPIANS 2:13

What are some abilities or talents that God has given you? Encourage and acknowledge those abilities in one another.

What thoughts surface for you from the verses in today's reading? Specifically, how do these verses describe God's character?

What is the relationship between gratitude and generosity? Is that a connection you naturally make? Why or why not?

What would you need to do in order to live more generously? Be specific.

As a group or family, are you willing to be accountable to one another in living more generously? What would that look like? How can you encourage one another to embrace the generous heart of God and live it out as a community?

**Quick Reminder**: Commitment Sunday is next week. This is your time to celebrate your Unshakeable Faith. Please bring your commitment cards and be prepared to worship.



# GOSPEL

# Prayer

Father, I open my heart to learn and to follow Jesus. Help me to see the physical poverty and spiritual poverty all around me. Give me the courage and grace to step into the needs of others with good news.

# Scripture

1 THESSALONIANS 2:7-8 MATTHEW 25:37-40

Which is easier for you, meeting someone's practical/ financial need or sharing your faith with them? Why?

How did you become a believer? Who influenced you the most? Was it over a prolonged period or something that happened more suddenly?

First Thessalonians describes Paul's ministry to the church in Thessalonica—a prominent city in Macedonia. What is his posture toward them? How does this verse instruct us?

In the Matthew parable of the sheep and goats, how does Jesus tie our relationship with Him to the way we treat those in need? Why does Jesus make this connection? Why is that important? How is this both a physical and spiritual interaction?

Our church desires to share the love of Jesus with our community. What are some specific ways you believe God has equipped you to share His love? Through this series, what has He refreshed or ignited in you?



# **SHARE YOUR STORY ASK YOUR QUESTIONS MAKE YOUR** COMMITMENT unshakeable.faith

Predy that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19





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