

UNSHAKEABLE

Community

When God's family wraps around someone who is hurting, we can help them become unshakeable.

SERIES BIG IDEA:

In Christ, we are unshakeable!

The first century church had an unshakeable faith that made them an unshakeable community in the face of troubles, temptations, and tough situations.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:43-47 (NIV)

- God was working supernaturally among them. (v43)
- They were united. (v44)
- Their needs were supported. (v45)
- They were in community. (v46)
- They glorified God. (v47a)
- Many were being saved (v47b)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NIV)

An unshakeable community is devoted to navigating scripture together.

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

An unshakeable community is devoted to loving each other.

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

An unshakeable community is devoted to praying with one another.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray... ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up... ¹⁶ The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:13a, 15a, 16c (NIV)

An unshakeable community is devoted to being a witness of Jesus' good news to those close to them but far from God. (Luke 10:1-24; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them.

Acts 4:32-34 (NIV)

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- The overflow of our devotion is **generosity** to Jesus, His Church, and His mission.
- Generosity is not as much what I give to, rather what I give **from**.
- If we work on our devotion God will **add** to our number.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

An unshakeable community is devoted to Jesus' church and Jesus' mission because they are **devoted** to Jesus.

- We are God's **family** on mission together loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus.
- 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 together to **BLESS** (Begin with prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Story—from Luke 10).

How can I **pray** with you?



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TEACHING SUMMARY:

The 1st Century Church saw God's power work through them because they were devoted to Jesus and lived obediently to Him as Lord.

In this week's teaching, we saw four keystone habits that the first disciples devoted themselves to and we learned about the impact it had on those who were in the Church family. That impact along with their testimony was a witness of the gospel to those who were far from God.

Their devotion to Jesus built an unshakeable faith that persevered through persecution, poverty, and peril. If the church today would devote themselves to Jesus and walk obediently in faith, being devoted to the same habits of first century church, God's power and love would be released in our church family and God's love would be felt in our cities and beyond.

One of the best ways to share Jesus with someone is to pray with them. What would it look like for us to practice this regularly with each other? What could God do?

TALK-IT-OVER:

You will find the questions to discuss with others in the *Unshakeable Guide*.

You can access the *Unshakeable Guide* and more at <http://unshakeable.faith>

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING:

- Day 1) Hebrews 10:24-25
- Day 2) Matthew 25:31-40
- Day 3) John 3:3-8
- Day 4) 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27
- Day 5) 1 Timothy 4:12-13
- Day 6) Titus 3:4-6



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