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# Men's Conference

“Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is **unshakable**, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.”

Hebrews 12:28-29



# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:00 am	—————	<b>Doors Open</b>
8:45 – 9:50 am	—————	<b>Session 1: Mark MacKnight</b>
9:50 – 10:15 am	—————	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15 – 10:55 am	—————	<b>Worship</b>
<b>10:55 – 11:45 am ————— Breakout Sessions 1</b>		
Building an Unshakeable Life - <b>Mitchell Osmond</b>   <b>Location: Sanctuary</b>		
Becoming an Unshakeable Dad - <b>Jason Weening</b>   <b>Location: Community Room</b>		
Building an Unshakeable Marriage - <b>Braden Hafner</b>   <b>Location: Elementary Room</b>		
Forging Unshakeable Friendships - <b>Tomas Belchior</b>   <b>Location: Upper Room</b>		
11:45 – 1:05 pm	—————	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:05 – 1:50 pm	—————	<b>Worship</b>
1:50 – 2:50 pm	—————	<b>Breakout Sessions 2</b>
2:50 – 3:15 pm	—————	<b>BREAK</b>
3:15 – 4:20 pm	—————	<b>Session 2: Brent Ingersoll</b>



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# SESSION ONE



## MARK MACKNIGHT

Mark and his wife Pam have been married for over 40 years and currently live in Sherwood Park, Alberta. Their children, who are living out their own call and ministry, Rachel with her husband Jeremy Gifford and James and Kirstyn and grandson Montgomery, all presently living in Edmonton.

Having graduated from Vanguard College, (formerly Northwest Bible College) in 1982, Mark went on to serve in multiple pastoral roles in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. Through the years there have also been opportunities to serve on denominational district executive teams. He returned to Edmonton in 2010 to be the Director of the pastoral program and then moved into the president's role in 2021 at Vanguard. A pastor at heart, complimented by a leadership gift he loves the privilege of equipping, preparing and inspiring future pastors. Mark considers it a high privilege and calling to preach and teach God's Word, to shepherd the flock of God and see God's kingdom advance.

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## BRENT INGERSOLL

Brent is the Senior Pastor at Kings Church, one of the fastest-growing churches in Canada, with a leading and growing presence throughout the Atlantic provinces.

Brent has a passion for revival in Canada and is committed to seeing the local church bring a transforming, life-giving presence across the country.

Brent lives in Quispamsis, New Brunswick, with his wife Melanie, their daughter Ava, and their sons Aden and Alexander.

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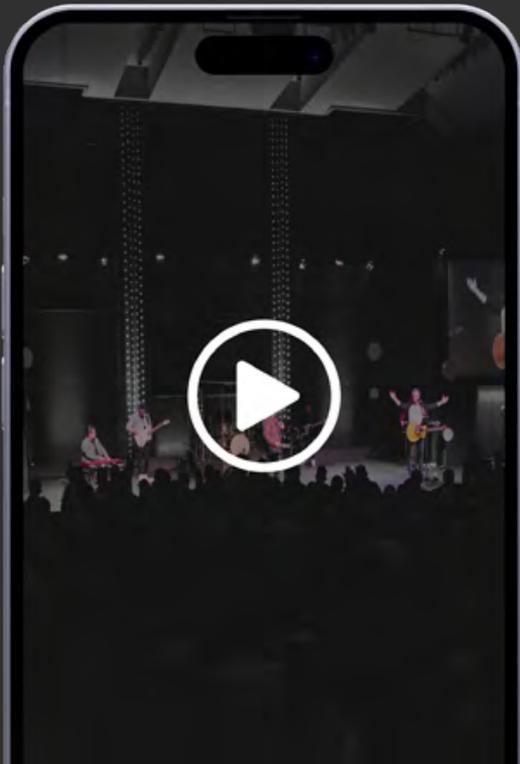
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**UNSHAKEABLE**

# **Study Guide**



# Introduction

**“Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakeable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping Him with holy fear and awe. For our God is a devouring fire.”**

(Hebrews 12:28-29 NLT)

Earthquakes happen when underground rocks suddenly break along fault lines due to built-up pressure. The abrupt release of energy sends shockwaves radiating outward from the epicenter in all directions through the earth, sometimes causing the ground to shake hundreds of miles away.

Seismic waves and ground factors determine an earthquake’s magnitude on a scale from 1 to 10. “The Great Chilean Earthquake,” which occurred in Chile on May 22, 1960, remains the most powerful on record, with a staggering magnitude of 9.5. This catastrophic event claimed at least 1,655 lives, and over 2 million people were left homeless due to extensive damage. The intensity of such an earthquake can clearly have a devastating impact.

The author of the Book of Hebrews addressed a community of Jewish Christians who were feeling the “tremors” of their world. Under the tyrant Emperor Nero, they experienced unimaginable persecution, intense fear, internal doubts, and a growing temptation to abandon their new faith in Christ and revert to their old rituals and religious practices.

# Introduction

The tectonic plates of their world were shifting, and so are ours, creating quakes that threaten the foundations and fabric of our faith and lives. The ground has been shaking from political divisions to economic upheaval, global conflict to cultural warfare, and religious scandals to faith deconstruction.

Amid all this turmoil, there is a temptation to abandon faith altogether or to turn to religion and spirituality that lack a genuine, Jesus-centered relationship.

But by the power of the Holy Spirit, the writer of Hebrews had a solution for his listeners and for us to address this seismic activity. Although the ground beneath these believers was shaking, they were following a better way built on an unshakeable foundation, enabling them to persevere and prosper. It is the majesty and superiority of Jesus that creates a safe zone, free from the anxiety and turmoil of the world around us. Through this perspective and perseverance, a man's faith can remain strong amid suffering and uncertainty.

"Unshakeable" calls for men to stand firm in a world that feels like it is shifting beneath our feet. Since we are receiving a Kingdom that cannot be shaken, we can respond by living fully devoted lives to Jesus, with reverence, gratitude, and confidence. In a time of cultural confusion, personal pressure, and spiritual drift, God is calling men to remain steadfast in their faith, rooted in Christ, and unshakeable in their walk with Him.

**This 3-session study will invite men to encounter, embrace, and engage with the reality of our unchanging King and His unshakeable Kingdom.**

# Session One

## RECEIVING AN UNSHAKEABLE KINGDOM

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:28-29; Mark 10:15; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Psalm 62:1-2; Micah 6:8

For thousands of years, mankind has used lighthouses as crucial navigation points on our shorelines. Even today, they guide ships in the black of night and help orient the captain to the land or port he's looking for. Whatever the condition of the waters, whether calm and peaceful or raging and terrifying, that fixed light in the distance is solid and unmoving, illuminating the darkness and providing stability to the journey.

We declare that Christ is the fixed point that centers and directs the lives of men who know Him, and that His Kingdom is likewise fixed and unshakeable. But there is a reception connected to this unshakeable Kingdom. Jesus declared: "I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it" (Luke 18:17 NLT, emphasis added). If we want to be unshakeable men, we must receive something we could never earn or acquire on our own.

Unshakeable hope in Christ comes through the doorway of humility as we lay down our will, ego, status, and self-sufficiency to accept the gift of eternal life offered through Jesus (John 3:16). It is a shakedown of our sins so we can receive the security of salvation. It is living in the confidence that a man's past does not define him, his present will not deter him, and his future will not disappoint him.

# Session One

## RECEIVING AN UNSHAKEABLE KINGDOM

David described it this way: “My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.” (Psalm 62:1-2 NLT). For us to be unshakeable men, we must find the unshakeable One and put our trust in Him, not just for our salvation, but for every part of our lives.

## Discussion Questions

What does it mean for men to have an “unshakeable” hope in Christ for life and eternity?

What do the Scripture verses above teach us about the matter?

What does an “unshakeable” man look like?

How does a man receive this gift of grace for salvation and confidence in all areas of his life?

What barriers block our receptivity to this gift?

Why is humility so necessary to accept Christ and His Kingdom, and what does it require of men?

# Session Two

## BUILDING AN UNSHAKEABLE LIFE

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:28-29; Matthew 7:24-27, Luke 6:46-49, 1 Corinthians 15:58

When the tragic 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami hit, many houses and buildings were swept away by the powerful rushing water. The buildings that survived the onslaught were typically very solidly built, with reinforced concrete and deep, rock-solid foundations; because of the effort and time put into their construction, they stood strong against the mighty flood.

From the reception of a Kingdom comes a response for a man to live a countercultural life defined by gratitude, obedience, and pleasing God. This kind of life is described by Jesus as a house built on an unshakeable foundation: “I will show you what it’s like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built” (Luke 6:47-48, NLT).

An unshakeable man is one who not only listens to the teaching of Jesus but also pleases God by following those teachings and putting them into practice throughout every area of his life. Unshakeable lives and families are built on the Rock, Christ Jesus, rooted in the truth of God’s Word, and lived out in the power of the Spirit. By choosing the way of Christ, men choose to build themselves into solid leaders and providers who stand firm in any storm.

# Discussion Questions

How would we define “the way of Christ?” What does it mean to be a wise man building his house upon the Rock?

What do the Scripture verses above have to say about the life that we are building?

How can we, as men, practically live in ways that please God in all areas of our lives—relationships, work, finance, recreation, etc.?

How should a man’s life built on Christ differ from how the world does things?

What are the greatest challenges that keep a man from building upon Jesus?

# Session Three

## LIVING AN UNSHAKEABLE HOLINESS

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:28-29; Psalm 29:2, Romans 12:1-2, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16

Every nation has ambassadors—chosen envoys who travel to other countries and represent the interests of their homeland on matters related to trade, defense, alliances, and other crucial issues. Each ambassador must be a person of character who embodies the values of their land, as they are speaking for and representing their home country.

From the reception of a Kingdom, the response of living God-pleasing lives requires men to worship in holiness. As “ambassadors” for this unshakeable Kingdom, men are called to reflect the high standards and values of the Kingdom of Heaven (2 Corinthians 5:20). This may not be a popular topic today and might seem somewhat old-fashioned or outdated. However, in a hedonistic, materialistic, and thoroughly secular culture—one that even infiltrates the Church—the call for a man to pursue holiness has never been more critical.

The author of the Book of Hebrews explains why holiness is a priority: “Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14 NLT). If we want to see God at work in our lives and see revival in our land, it will come from reminding ourselves that the LORD is holy and we must be men who live lives reflective of that holiness.

When we do, we will be men of worship who are “living and holy sacrifices,” fully surrendered and fully available, to act as ambassadors carrying God’s presence to a broken world.

# Discussion Questions

What do the Bible verses above teach us about “holiness”?

What does “holiness” look like for men in particular?

What are the most significant challenges to a man’s holiness in our current cultural moment?

What would result if men offered their lives as an act of worship as “living and holy sacrifices”?

How can men reclaim a sense of awe for God that can transform their lives, homes, and communities?



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