

UNSHAKEN

STANDING STRONG IN THE HEAT OF THE BATTLE

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Hey.

I'm glad you chose this study! It's one of the most powerful series I've taught.

I started this series because I was beat up, discouraged and sick of it. Deep down I knew that God had more for my life than defeat. So I started looking at the stories of men and women in His word and I noticed that every one of them faced insurmountable trials and were prone to fear and discouragement.

Yet somehow in the midst of their trials their faith rose. They grew strong in the heat of the battle. They learned to stand unshaken no matter what.

That's the kind of life I want and I suspect it's what you want too. I believe that in this series on unshaken faith, you're going to find strength - God's strength which is made perfect in our weaknesses.

As usual each of my teaching has a study outline that accompanies it as well as a few questions to challenge you to chew on the material and make it your own.

Start each session with a simple prayer: God, I need you. I ask you to teach me how to stand strong and to take the little faith that I have and turn into much. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or comments at any point in this series, feel free to email me: lina@livingwithpower.org

Now let's get started!

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Class Outline

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Lesson One

Faith When I Don't See The Way

Genesis 12 (Abraham)

1. Get over your paralysis of _____.
2. Get over your obsession with a _____ driven faith.
3. Get over your dependence on a _____ performance.

Commit this verse to memory: Hebrews 11:8

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as an inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

Discussion Questions

Has God ever asked you to do something that sounded almost ridiculous? The summer I dedicated my life to the Lord, He did that to me! I had a choice: I could either step out in faith and do what he had prompted, or ignore his prompting and do it my way. I chose to follow His leading even though it made very little sense at the time and I guarantee you my entire life course has been impacted by that one decision.

Here's the thing I should tell you though: it wasn't easy. Taking that step of faith felt like a huge deal at the time. But today, I have no regrets. None whatsoever. I can't help but think about Abraham as we consider his life and example. Abraham was asked to trust God when it looked ridiculous. Then he waited. And waited. And waited. Almost to the point where he looked ridiculous. But boy, God came through for him in a big way, didn't he?

What we learn from Abraham is believing God when we don't see the way clearly is always the wisest and safest course of action. If you're looking to stand strong no matter what, it starts with resolving to believe God even when it looks ridiculous.

As you go through these questions and process the lesson we've just covered, think about your life: where is God asking you to take a leap of faith and trust him? Are you willing to do it? I'm praying that the Lord will give you as much clarity as you need as you stand on the crossroad of faith.

1. How would you define faith?
2. What did Abraham determine to do when he did not see the way?
3. What promises has God given to you that you do not yet see fulfilled?
What promises from His word can you hang on to and make your own?

4. What are some biblical ways your faith in God's promises can grow? (Consider Rom 4:18-22; Rom 10:17; 1 Thes. 2:13; Josh 1:8-9)

5. Do you tend to wait for a perfectly laid-out plan in order to move forward? What is the pattern in which God works in people's lives? Does he disclose everything at once or does he only give a little bit of information at a time? Why do you think is that?

6. What sorts of "results" does God long to see in our lives?

7. Think about Abraham's life and calling. What aspects of his journey of faith are most encouraging to you?