

THE COURAGE TO PERSEVERE

Unshakeable in a Shaking World – Part 7

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Theme Verse:

...“Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also.”
This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that
only unshakable things will remain. **Hebrews 12:26b-27 (NLT)**

Memory Verse:

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.
Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to
those who love him. **James 1:12 (NLT)**

And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also
rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces
perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope
does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our
hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. **Romans 5:2b-5 (NIV)**

1. I need to Face my Fears.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Psalms 23:4 (NIV)

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear...
1 John 4:18a (NLT)

2. I need to Persevere in the Truth.

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn
away from the true faith...For the time will come when men will not put
up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will
gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching
ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn
aside to myths. **1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)**

He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught;
then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and
show those who oppose it where they are wrong. **Titus 1:9 (NLT)**

3. I need Persevere in doing what's right.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will
reap a harvest if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**

Foundational Conviction: I will keep on doing what is right!

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many
kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops
perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be
mature and complete, not lacking anything. **James 1:2-4 (NLT)**

4. I need to Persevere in loving people.

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of
these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)**

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you
must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each
other deeply with all your heart ...Most important of all, continue to
show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 1:22, 4:8 (NLT)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to
the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down,
especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with
endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our
eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because
of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame.
Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. Think of all
the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become
weary and give up. After all, you have not yet given your lives in your
struggle against sin. **Hebrews 12:1-4 (NLT)**

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 (NLT)**