



Unshakable By Disaster

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*1 Corinthians 13:12-13—For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, **HOPE**, and love abide, these three...*

*Hebrews 10:22-24—Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our **HOPE** without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love...*

FIVE PRINCIPLES FOR UNSHAKABLE HOPE IN TIMES OF DISASTER

I. WHO YOU FOCUS ON—Hebrews 12:1-3

- + What fills your thoughts most— _____ or the disaster?
- + The problem that shifts your focus isn't what you think it is.
- + There's a way to endure with joy, without weariness or discouragement.

Focus on _____

II. WHAT YOU EMBRACE—Hebrews 12:4-11

- + Discipline is proof that you are _____.
- + So, _____ the discipline of disaster!
- + You need this to keep you on the straight path—Proverbs 3:5-6, 3:11-12.

Embrace _____

III. HOW YOU RESPOND—Hebrews 12:12-15

- + Do you bend the knee to grace? Do you let peace rule you?—Colossians 3:14-15
- + Bitterness imprisons you and defiles many, including those you love. How do you know when you are bitter?
- + There is no holiness in bitterness, only self-glorifying _____. God will not share His glory, so if you are bitter, God is not present.
- + Bitterness leads to an inability to _____ from a lifestyle that may seem right, but is actually immoral and idolatrous. The time to repent of self-pity is now, while your heart is still soft enough to be convicted—Deuteronomy 29:17-18.

Respond in _____

IV. WHERE YOU’VE COME TO—Hebrews 12:16-24

- + Don’t live for what you’ve not come to, live for _____!
 - + You’re part of Christ’s great family gathering, all made perfect before God, the judge of all.
 - + You’ve been sprinkled by blood, and it speaks a better word— _____.
- Live where you’ve come to: _____

V. IF YOU WORSHIP—Hebrews 12:25-29

- + _____ must trump every thought—gratitude for hardship (discipline), and gratitude for whatever happens that you want to use to justify bitterness.
 - + Feeling upset or as if your world is shaken is a gauge to let you know you’re not living for the unshakable kingdom. Be fearful of yourself. Repent. Focus your eyes on Christ and the unshakable kingdom, and live with your heart tuned to the hope of it—1 Peter 1:13.
- Why were you created? To _____ God—Isaiah 43:7.
- “Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him.” ~C.S.Lewis, ***Reflections on the Psalms***
- Hebrews 12:28-29—Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (ESV)*
- + Yes, our God is a consuming fire... and we have a received a kingdom that cannot be shaken.
- The attitude of worship is _____