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Unshakable Joy (Week 1)

Offering/Dismissal

UNSHAKABLE JOY PART 1

The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving. Psalm 28:7 (NLT)

So each generation should **set its hope anew on God**, **not forgetting His glorious miracles** and **obeying His commands**. **Psalms 78:7 (NLT)**

How To Have UNSHAKABLE JOY When Life Is All Shook Up! (A case study of Daniel 3: Learn from the three amigos)

1. I MUST <u>REMAIN FOCUSED</u> ON WHO I AM COUNTING ON!

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Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **Philippians 4:4-5 NIV**

2. GET GODLY, "JOY-FULL" HELP. (Gather a God-Posse.)

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Daniel 3:16 & 17 (NLT)

Don't be teamed with those who do not love the Lord, for what do the people of God have in common with the people of sin? How can light live with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (TLB)

3. I MUST CONTINUALLY <u>REFRESH</u> MY MIND AND SPIRIT WITH GOD'S PROMISES.

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But in that coming day no weapon turned against you will succeed...These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord... **Isaiah 54:17 (NLT)**

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? Luke 9:24-25 (NIV)

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me... Psalm 23:4 (NLT)

4. I NEED TO LOOK <u>UP</u> AND <u>OUT</u> FOR WHAT GOD IS DOING!

Therefore, I (Nebby) make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!" Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon. Daniel 3:29-30 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own. Read Daniel 3 then answer the following questions: What do you think the conversation was like between the three friends before being thrown into the fire? What do you think the conversation was like in the fire? What do you think the conversation was like with the fourth person in the fire? What do you think the conversation was like after it was all over? Do you think it brought them joy? What is your source of true Joy? Look up Psalms 37:8. Write it out and choose today to make Jesus your source of true Joy!