



STUDY GUIDE: November 23, 2025

Message Series: Unshakable
Message Title: No Matter What
Teaching Pastor: Brian Hughes

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (10 min.)

Share a high and a low from the past week.

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of community and for bringing us together. We ask that You quiet our hearts and minds, helping us to set aside the distractions and concerns of the day. We open Your word and commit this time to You, asking for Your guidance and blessing on us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Get Started: (30 min.)

"When we think about having unshakable faith in a world that feels like it's increasingly hostile towards followers of Jesus and where much of our moral grounding has been turned on its head and where people seem determined to fight each other all the time, we need to know what to do and what God wants from us and how to hold to our core convictions without getting sucked into the madness. And I believe that one of the pivotal points is that we are called to be faithful, and not simply people of faith." -Pastor Brian Hughes

- How would you define the difference between "having faith" and "living faithfully"?

Read Daniel 6:3-9.

- Where do we see similar pressures today that try to push people of faith into compromise?
- King Darius is criticized for making a "life and death decision" without "reflect[ing] long enough on it. Can you recall a time when you made a significant decision quickly that you later regretted? What steps can you take to "balance intuition and information" in your own decision-making process?

Reflect and Commit: (40 min.)

Read Daniel 6:10–18.

- What spiritual habits help anchor you when pressure or fear tries to pull you away from obedience?
- How did Daniel have such influence on people—even those in authority?

"Daniel knew that God had called him to be visibly faithful and not hide what he believed or who he ultimately served. This is important for you and me. The follower of Jesus is called to have unshakable faith that is not just one of private devotion but public faithfulness." -Pastor Brian Hughes

- Daniel chose to pray "on his knees, with the window open, facing Jerusalem, 'just as he had done before,'" making his faithfulness a public witness. In what areas of your life are you tempted to keep your faith a "private devotion," and what does "public faithfulness" look like in your current social or professional setting? What can we learn from Daniel's courage?
- Have you ever faced a situation that felt "sealed" and impossible? How did you see God at work?

- Darius came to believe in the “God whom Daniel served continually.” Whose faithfulness has influenced *your* faith?

Read Daniel 6:19-27.

- Where has God placed *you* to influence others toward Him, just as Daniel influenced the king?

“I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed and I’m convinced he is trustworthy to see me through, no matter what, and that ultimately Jesus wins and I’ll spend eternity with him. My job is not just to be a person of faith, but to live with faithfulness. And that will make me, like Daniel and like any follower of Jesus, a target.”

-Pastor Brian Hughes

- What “price” might you be paying, or what price are you willing to pay, for following Jesus in a world that is “increasingly hostile” towards Christians?
- Daniel prospers under multiple kings and empires. How does his long-term faithfulness inspire you in your own calling or workplace?

“Daniel’s story is about 2 things, both are the secret to Unshakable faith. It’s about our calling to faithfulness to God and God’s absolute faithfulness to us. Daniel understood how powerful, how good, how loving, how faithful God was and his entire life mission was to live exactly like God wanted him to. Daniel knew that faithfulness was reflecting God’s love towards others, his posture towards those in authority and his devotion to the One worthy of his truth. I don’t know about you, but I just want to be like Jesus. I’m not there yet, but I believe faithfulness is the ultimate display of my faith.” -Pastor Brian Hughes

Gather prayer requests. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the shared hope we have in Jesus. Continue to lead us by Your Spirit to understand what unshakable faith and true faithfulness look like. Give us wisdom, courage, and strength to follow You faithfully in a world that often resists You. Strengthen our faith and help us live with the kind of faithfulness that reflects Your heart to the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.