

**FAMILY LIFE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY
LIFE GROUP - RIVERSIDE COUNTY**

TITLE: UNSHAKABLE

SESSION TWO: WHEN YOUR BELIEFS ARE BELITTLED

KEY VERSE: Wisdom brings strength, and knowledge gives power.

Proverbs 24:5 (CEV)

CHECKING IN:

In Session One, we talked about standing up to the people in your life who try to pressure you to compromise your faith. In what ways were you able to apply those lessons this week? Or what did you find the most helpful from last week's lesson?

This week we're going to learn how to develop an unshakable faith for those times when your beliefs are belittled.

Do yourself a favor and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper.

Proverbs 19:8 (GNT)

Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life – guard it well.

Proverbs 4:13 (GNT)

The king told Ashpenaz, the chief-of-staff, to bring some of the Israelites, the royal family, and the nobility. They were to be young men who were healthy, good-looking, knowledgeable in all subjects, well-informed, intelligent, and able to serve in the king's palace. They were to be taught the language and literature of the Babylonians. The king arranged for them to get a daily allowance of the king's rich food and wine. They were to be trained for three years. After that, they were to serve the king.

Daniel 1:3-5 (GW)

Indoctrinate them in the Babylonian lore of magic and fortunetelling.

Daniel 1:4b (The Message)

God gave these four young men an unusual aptitude for learning the literature and science of that time.

Daniel 1:17a (NLT)

When the training period ordered by the king was completed, the chief of staff brought all the young men to King Nebuchadnezzar. The king talked with them, and no one impressed him as much as Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. So they entered the royal service. Whenever the king consulted them in any matter requiring wisdom and balanced judgment, he found them ten times more capable than any of the magicians and enchanters in his entire kingdom.

Daniel 1:18-20 (NLT)

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**HOW TO EXCEL IN MY EDUCATION
(and not lose my faith)**

1.) Decide in advance to _____.

Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT)

Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself.

Daniel 1:8a (NASB)

Start with God – the first step in learning is bowing down to God; only fools thumb their noses at such wisdom and learning.

Proverbs 1:7 (The Message)

Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself.

Proverbs 15:33a (GNT)

2.) Never stop _____.

ALL LEADERS ARE LEARNERS

Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights.

Proverbs 18:15 (TM)

Study to show yourself approved unto God a workman that needs not to be ashamed.

2 Timothy 2:15a (KJV)

Those who get wisdom do themselves a favor, and those who love learning will succeed.

Proverbs 19:8 (NCV)

**KNOWLEDGE: INFORMATION GAINED FROM
EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE**

WISDOM: SEEING AND RESPONDING FROM GOD'S VIEWPOINT

3.) Steep myself in _____.

“study [God’s word] continually, meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”

Joshua 1:8 (NLT)

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4.) Choose _____ as my best friends.

Do not be misled “Bad company corrupts good character.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)

Stay away from fools, or you won’t learn a thing.

Proverbs 14:7 (CEV)

Fools show their stupidity by the way they live, it’s easy to see they have no sense.

Ecclesiastes 10:3 (CEV)

Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

Psalms 1:1 (GNT)

5.) _____ to a church, a small group, and a ministry.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another.

Hebrews 10:25a (NIV)

6.) Remember that God will _____.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11 (ESV)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) Why is it so important to decide in advance that you will stand with God?

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2.) Biblical meditation is when we think about a Bible verse over and over again, asking God to give us insight. How has God spoken to you through specific Bible verses? Pick a verse from this week's lesson and mediate on it throughout the week.

3.) Why is it important to stay connected with a church and a small group? How can other believers help you mature in your faith? How can you help others mature in their faith?

4.) Talk about why this verse is true: Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself (Proverbs 15:33a GNT).
