

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

TITLE: UNSHAKABLE

SESSION THREE: WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

KEY VERSE: "Nobody anywhere can do what you ask! . . .What you're asking is Impossible."

Daniel 2:10b-11a (TM)

CHECKING IN:

Last week we talked about how knowledge is information gained from education or experience, and wisdom is seeing and responding from God's point of view. When have you seen God transform your biblical knowledge into godly wisdom?

This week we're going to learn how to develop an unshakable faith for those times when you're facing the impossible.

One night during the second year of his reign,^[a] Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn't sleep. He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers,^[b] and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, he said, "I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means."

Then the astrologers answered the king in Aramaic,^[c] "Long live the king! Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

But the king said to the astrologers, "I am serious about this. If you don't tell me what my dream was and what it means, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be turned into heaps of rubble! But if you tell me what I dreamed and what the dream means, I will give you many wonderful gifts and honors. Just tell me the dream and what it means!"

They said again, "Please, Your Majesty. Tell us the dream, and we will tell you what it means."

The king replied, "I know what you are doing! You're stalling for time because you know I am serious when I say, 'If you don't tell me the dream, you are doomed.' So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I'll know that you can tell me what it means."

The astrologers replied to the king, "No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! The king's demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream,

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The king was furious when he heard this, and he ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed. And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.

Daniel 2:1-13 (NLT)

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

1.) Don't _____ or _____

When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.

Daniel 2:14 (NLT)

2.) Ask _____.

[Daniel] asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened.

Daniel 2:15 (NLT)

Get the facts at any price.

Proverbs 23:23a (TLB)

3.) Ask for _____ to create a solution.

Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.

Daniel 2:16 (NLT)

4.) Enlist _____ from your friends.

Then Daniel went home and told his three friends. Then he said, "Pray that the God who rules from heaven will be merciful and explain this mystery, so that we and others won't be put to death."

Daniel 2:17-18 (CEV)

5.) Pray and expect God to give _____.

If you need wisdom . . . ask [God], and he will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking. But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to answer, for a doubtful mind is an unsettled as a wave of the sea that is tossed by the wind. People like that should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

James 1:5-7 (NLT)

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6.) _____ !

During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:19 (NLT)

7.) Use what God showed you to _____.

So, Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had commanded to execute the royal advisers. He said to him, "Don't put them to death. Take me to the king, and I will tell him what his dream means."

Daniel 2:24 (GNT)

Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!" The king said to Daniel (also known as Belshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?"

Daniel 2:25-26 (NLT)

8.) _____ to God.

Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries. He has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in days to come. Your dream and the visions that passed through your mind as you were lying in bed are these: "As Your Majesty was lying there, your mind turned to things to come, and the revealer of mysteries showed you what is going to happen. As for me, this mystery has been revealed to me, not because I have greater wisdom than anyone else alive, but so that Your Majesty may know the interpretation and that you may understand what went through your mind.

Daniel 2:27-30 (NIV)

Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshiped him, and he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him. The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret."

Daniel 2:46-47 (NLT)

Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon.

Daniel 2:48a (NLT)

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DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) Share an example of a time you had to face something impossible. How did God help you overcome it? How do you think the eight steps taught in this lesson will help you with the next impossible situation you face?

2.) Talk about why it's important to ask "Why?" and get the facts first when you are asked to do the impossible. Why would God want you to ask for more time to create a solution?

3.) What are the benefits of worshipping God when you face an impossible task? Why would he want you to do that?
