

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

**TITLE: UNSHAKABLE**

**SESSION FIVE: WHEN GOD TEST YOU WITH SUCCESS**

**KEY VERSE: A hot furnace tests silver and gold, and people are tested by the praise they receive.**

**Proverbs 27:21 (NCV)**

**CHECKING IN:**

Last week we talked about trusting God when the heat is on. Consider how you are doing with the idea that, “If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us.” (Daniel 3:17a NLT).

This week we’re going to learn how to develop an unshakeable faith for the times you are tested by success.

**WHAT GETS US INTO TROUBLE?**

**1.) We get \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with success.**

“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was living in peace and prosperity. I was taking it easy, without a care in the world.

Daniel 4:4 (TLB/TM)

I was saying to myself, “Just look at this wonderful capital city [Babylon] that I have built by my own power and for my own glory.”

Daniel 4:30 (CEV)

The Lord despises pride, be assured that the proud will be punished.

Proverbs 16:5 (NLT)

**2.) We don’t pay attention to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice. Renounce your sins by doing what is right and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed, it may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

Daniel 4:27 (NIV)

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### TO MAINTAIN SUCCESS, I NEED TO:

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• \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to be happy, be kind to the poor,  
It is a sin to despise anyone.  
Proverbs 14:21 (GNT)

Whoever mistreats the poor insults their maker,  
But whoever is kind to the needy honors God.  
Proverbs 14:31 (NCV)

Those who shut their ears to the cries of the poor  
Will be ignored in their own time of need.  
Proverbs 21:13 (NLT)

### 3.) We put off doing \_\_\_\_\_.

All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. Just twelve months later, he was walking on the balcony of the royal palace in Babylon and boasted, "Look at this, Babylon the great! And I built it all by myself, a royal palace adequate to display my honor and glory!" The words were no sooner out of his mouth than a voice out of heaven spoke, "This is the verdict on you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your kingdom is taken from you. You will be driven out of human company and live with the wild animals. You will eat grass like an ox. The sentence is for seven seasons, enough time to learn that the High God rules human kingdoms and puts whomever he wishes in charge." It happened at once.

Daniel 4:28-33a (TM)

### STEPS TO RECOVERY

#### 1.) \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

"After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned."  
Daniel 4:34a (NLT)

#### 2.) Wake up to God's greatness and \_\_\_\_\_.

"My sanity returned and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever."

Daniel 4:34b (NLT)

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We get better when we replace \_\_\_\_\_.

With \_\_\_\_\_.

### TRUTHS ABOUT GOD THAT STABILIZE MY LIFE

-- **God's Kingdom will outlast everything I do.**

[God's] rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal!

Daniel 4:34c (NLT)

-- **God's approval matters more than all the others.**

All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him.

Daniel 4:35a (NLT)

- **God's power is absolute.**

He has the power to do whatever he pleases among the  
Angels of heaven and among the people of the earth.  
No one can stop him . . . and those who walk in pride he is  
able to humble.

Daniel 4:35b, 37a (NLT/NIV)

At that time my mind was healed and once again I became  
The ruler of my glorious kingdom. My advisors and officials  
Returned to me, and I had greater power than ever before.  
That's why I say: Praise and honor the King who rules from  
Heaven! Everything he does is honest and fair.

Daniel 4:36-37a (CEV)

- **God never makes any mistakes.**

3.) \_\_\_\_\_ **how God has saved and changed you.**

King Nebuchadnezzar sent this message to the people of every race and nation and language throughout the world: "Peace and prosperity to you! I want you all to know about the miraculous signs and wonders the Most High God has performed for me."

Daniel 4:1-2 (NLT)

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**DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:**

1.) What does it look when we replace pride with praise? Why do we have trouble doing that sometimes?

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2.) Talk about how each of these truths can translate into your life – and why believing them will stabilize your life.

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