

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

TITLE: UNSHAKABLE

SESSION SIX: ARE YOU LEARNING FROM THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE YOU?

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

Proverbs 4:13 (GNT)

CHECKING IN:

Last week we talked about how success is a test that can shake our faith. What are some ways you've started replacing pride with praise?

This week we'll see how we can develop an unshakeable faith by learning from people who came before us and from people who are just ahead of us in spiritual growth.

King Belshazzar gave a great banquet for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine with them. While Belshazzar was drinking his wine, he gave orders to bring in the gold and silver goblets that Nebuchadnezzar his father^[a] had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines might drink from them. So, they brought in the gold goblets that had been taken from the temple of God in Jerusalem, and the king and his nobles, his wives and his concubines drank from them. As they drank the wine, they praised the gods of gold and silver, of bronze, iron, wood and stone. Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lampstand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.

Daniel 5:1-6 (NIV)

This is the message that was written: Mene, Mene, Tekel, and Parsin.

Daniel 5:25 (NLT)

Then Belshazzar ordered that Daniel be dressed in purple and wear a gold chain on his neck. He made Daniel the third-highest ruler in the kingdom. That night King Belshazzar of Babylon was killed.^[a] Darius the Mede took over the kingdom. He was 62 years old.

Daniel 5:29-31 (GW)

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HOW CAN I BECOME WISE LIKE DANIEL?

1.) Make a commitment to _____.

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Commit yourself to instruction, listen carefully to words of knowledge.

Proverbs 23:12 (NLT)

If an ax is dull and its edge is unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success.

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

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

Proverbs 19:8 (GNT)

2.) Learn the lessons of the _____.

“Ask the former generations and find out what their fathers learned, for we were born only yesterday and know nothing.”

Job 8:8-9a (NIV)

THE FOUR RELATIONSHIPS YOU NEED TO BECOME WISE

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

3.) Maintain a _____ that honors God.

Reverence for the Lord is an education in itself. You must be humble before you can ever receive honors.

Proverbs 15:33 (GNT)

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

James 4:6b (NIV)

4.) Refuse to fill my mind with _____.

5.) Put into practice _____.

I haven’t _____ until I _____.

“You are his successor, O Belshazzar, and you knew all this, yet you have not humbled yourself. For you have proudly defied the Lord of heaven.”

Daniel 5:22-23a (NLT)

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**IF I DON'T _____ FROM THE GENERATIONS
BEFORE ME, I WILL END UP MAKING THE _____.**

Some of these people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God.
1 Timothy 6:21a (TLB)

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS:

1.) What are some things you've learned from previous generations?

2.) Who is the wisest person you've ever known? What made that person wise? How have you benefitted from that person's wisdom?

3.) Discuss what this verse teaches about becoming wise:

“Some people have missed the most important thing in life – they don't know God.”
1 Timothy 6:21a (TLB)

4.) What does it mean to maintain a humble attitude toward God?
