

HOW YOU CAN BE UNSHAKEABLE IN SHAKY TIMES

Intro: Living in Shaky items, UNCERTAIN

You might be thinking I am starting negatively

Maybe too much info –bad news travelling at the speed of light

We can well bury our heads in the sand and say I am not going to read or hear or we can do even better

SLIDE 1 Ps 16:8 GNT: I am **always aware** of the LORD's presence; **he is near**, and **nothing can shake me**. And so I am **thankful and glad**, and **I feel completely secure**, because you **protect** me from the power of death.

Meditate on this for a while

Paraphrase: I will ALWAYS be AWARE of the Lords presence, remembering that because He is ALWAYS NEAR me, NOTHING will shake me

GOING TO TALK ABOUT: ALWAYS AWARE, ALWAYS NEAR, NOTHING WILL SHAKE YOU

ALWAYS AWARE

A few months ago I talked about God being **OMNIPRESENT** in the Universe

Meaning everywhere, all surrounding, without exception in every place at every time. He is everywhere at once. I can't be two places at once

There is no place where God does not exist and no place where He exists less or more. God does not have to be extraordinarily big in order to encompass the universe; rather the universe with all of its vast dimensions cannot outfit God. It's not a case of God is in all the universe, the universe is in God.

So if God is everywhere - we got to be AWARE OF HIS PRESENCE

SLIDE 2: MEANING OF BEING AWARE

conscious of, acquainted with, informed of/about, cognizant of, mindful of, sensible of, familiar with, conversant with, no stranger to, alive to, awake to, alert to, sensitive to

SLIDE 3 David was aware of Gods Omnipresence

Psalms 139:7-8 (AMP) ⁷Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?⁸ If I ascend to heaven, You are there ;If I make my bed in Sheol (the nether world, the place of the dead), behold, You are there.

SLIDE 4 ALWAYS NEAR /MEANING OF BEING NEAR

close by, close, nearby, close at hand, not far off/away, in the neighbourhood, in the vicinity, at hand, within reach, within close range, on the doorstep, within earshot, within sight, a stone's throw away, at close quarters,

SLIDE 5 Jeremiah 23:23-24 (ERV) ²³ this message is from the LORD. "I am God, **and I am always near. I am not far away.**" ²⁴ someone might try to hide from me in some hiding place. But it is easy for me to see that person, says the LORD, because I am everywhere in heaven and earth."

Psalm 73:28 :But as for me, **the nearness of God is my good**; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, That I may tell of all Your works.

Psalm 119:151: You are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are truth.

Psalm 34:18, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

Psalm 145:18: The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

NOTHING WILL SHAKE YOU

SHAKEN :Shaken baby syndrome is a serious or traumatic injury caused by forcefully and violently **shaking** a **baby** causing damage to the **baby's** fragile brain.

It is a serious form of abuse inflicted upon a **child**. It usually occurs when a parent or other caregiver shakes a **baby** out of anger or frustration, often because the **baby** will not stop crying.

This is a different shaken

Something we can say shaken either in negative or positive situations

I am still shaking from excitement (winning a competition, a good news announcement)

Shaken in Crisis

An event that shock, disturb, or upset a person/I was shaken up by that accident

E.g. he was **shaken** by the news of her death.

It is a "**oh my god**" moment,

You feel fearful fragile, vulnerable, scared, disturbed shocked, unsafe, helpless, and unprotected

And this is **when this verse becomes real**: because I am ALWAYS AWARE of the Lords presence, remembering that because He is ALWAYS NEAR me, NOTHING will shake me

The language here is that of one who has confidence in God in time of great calamities, and who feels that he is safe under the divine favor and protection.

I shall not be moved-I shall be safe; I shall not be disturbed by fear; I shall be protected

SLIDE 6 ILLUSTRATION OF TREES: We can learn more what I am saying by observing what trees do in a very violent storm

- Trees that have deep roots can anchor themselves against rain and wind forces
- trees that grow fast don't develop solidly and don't have thick sap like longer growing trees which resist wind and storm forces
- Trees can collide themselves with nearby trees when the wind is ferocious and by doing this they reduce the wind loads and impact
- Trees like a palm tree can adapt their shape and make a smaller sail reducing the wind force. Trees can shed some branches inside of a forest,
- Another, more permanent strategy to streamline - is to shed branches in the wind.

CONCLUSION let me tell you a true story

SLIDE 7 Daniel 3:16-18 Good News Translation

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered, "Your Majesty, we will not try to defend ourselves. ¹⁷ If the God whom we serve is able to save us from the blazing furnace and from your power, then he will.^[a] ¹⁸ But even if he does not, Your Majesty may be sure that we will not worship your god, and we will not bow down to the gold statue that you have set up."

"Even if he does not" We know he did

There are many times God doesn't show up (or at least I the way we expect him to)

There will be times when we are shaken .but we have to be grounded in the knowledge that we are his children and He promised to look after and take care of us .

Be AWARE THAT HE IS NEAR.

KNOW THAT HE WILL SHOW UP EVEN THOUGH HE DOES ALWAYS COME THE WAY WE WOULD LIKE TO

THAT'S ALL IT TAKES TO BE UNSHAKEN

There are always moments we feel **overwhelmed by life** .Life is a paradox .Full of good moments, full of sad moments but if we can live with this conviction

"I am always aware of the LORD's presence; he is near, then nothing can shake you "

PRAYER

SALVATION PRAYER

Jesus came to give you a life of abundance

He came to forgive all your sins so you don't have to live with guilt and shame. He wants to now fill your life with love, joy, peace & goodness and much more .He wants to give you the opportunity to live forever. That's possible if you repent of your sins

All of us have sinned and fallen short of Gods expectation and there is only one person who can save us and make us right again. His name is Jesus and you can ask him right now to come in and be the Lord in your life

If you invite him into your life everything in your life turns from death to life, sin to salvation, hopelessness into everlasting joy

I can guarantee that if you do, your life will be so more meaningful and filled with purpose and a sense of destiny! Would you like to ask him into your life right now?

PRAYER

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