

# UNSHAKEABLE FOUNDATION

## **ser4040, God in the Real World, Pt. 3**

### **I. POINT OF INTRIGUE: (The Hook)**

This week, the Lord told me it's time to get back to basics.

I think sometimes we want to come up with this huge, complicated strategy for a successful life when God is telling us to keep it simple and be a doer of the basics.

So, what do you say church- are you ready?

#### **A. Let's pray!**

Almighty God, we come to You in the name of Jesus Christ! Let the fire of Your Holy Spirit fall upon us and stir up our hearts today! Let YOUR PRESENCE be known and felt this morning! Speak through me, Father, and help me to deliver this message as YOU gave it to

me; I pray YOU would help us to not just be hearers of the WORD but doers of YOUR WORD. I pray that YOU would transform us, renew us, and move in a mighty way. In name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

**B. Our Sermon series for this month is "GOD in the Real World."** We must allow God to work in our EVERYDAY lives, not just in church on Sundays. I love this topic! We have to participate and cooperate with God's plan for our lives. We can't just sit in a pew on Sunday and expect our lives to change.

I'd like to explore things we can do on our end to make this happen.

**NOTE!** - I believe God is saying, "I want my Glory to manifest in your life, and I want to see you grow!" I don't know about you, but ***I want the Spirit of the Lord to be upon me***

**everyday, Monday through Saturday, not just on Sunday.** I have a charge to keep and promise to see fulfilled so I've got to do my part and you do too!

**C.** James said in

***James 1:22-25***

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

We are hearers of the WORD just by being here today ... but what really counts depends upon whether or not I go out and become a doer.

- That's where the battle is. Victory in life often depends on this very thing—doing the Word and not just hearing it! Take note that the verse does not say that we're blessed in what we hear; it

says we are blessed by what we do.  
It's our actions that count!

**NOTE!** God doesn't want you to hear about a blessing, HE wants you to have the blessing! God doesn't want you to hear about loving your neighbor, HE wants you to love your neighbor! ***God doesn't want you to hear about victory; HE wants you to walk in victory!!!***

ii. **OUR MAIN TEXT (THE BOOK) for today is in**

***Matthew 7:24-27*** The Wise and Foolish Builders

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the

winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

**NOTE!** This text does not say IF the storms come, it says WHEN the storms come!! Now that, is God in the real world!!

**A.** It's easy to sit in church and say Praise God, Hallelujah, but ***how am I doing when I walk out of the church doors?***

We need God in the real world, not just in church on Sundays!

I'd like to discuss some strategies we can incorporate, so when the storms come... because they will.....

***We can access God in and through the storm and our house will stand!***

**B.** Verse 24 says, “A wise man who built his house on the rock!”

To build something, you have to dig deep.

***How many of you realize the work starts down before the building goes up?!***

The further down the foundation of my building is, the higher up it can go.

Deeper roots below ground, bear better fruit above ground.

**LOOK AT** your other neighbor and tell them **"GET YOUR SHOVEL!"**

**NOW**, look at your other neighbor and tell them **"LET'S GET DIGGING!"**

**c. We have to be doers and take the time to build the foundation so our house will stand!**

If not, we will just be surface-level Christians. We all have equal opportunity for greatness. The problem is that some people won't do the work, so they are stuck operating at a certain level because

they won't dig deeper for a more solid foundation.

- 1 God has called us all to be His disciples!
- 2 The word disciple comes from the word discipline-
- 3 We must discipline ourselves and obey God by being a doer to allow HIM to work in our lives.....in our REAL LIVES where REAL THINGS and REAL PROBLEMS happen!

Here are a few things we need to be doing for a solid foundation. Remember, we are blessed for being DOERS of the Word, not just hearers!

***James 4:17***

<sup>17</sup>If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

I feel that the Lord is saying to some people, "Its time to get Back to Basics and start DOING these simple fundamental things again!"

1. **Read the Word**- Meditate on it.

- This is how God speaks to us. Some of you are waiting on a Word from God when He's just waiting on you to read the WORD HE'S already given to you.

2. **Pray!!**

- The Bible says in

*James 4:2*

"you have not because you ask not"

- Jesus always prayed before He was tempted. Don't wait until you are in the storm to seek God. Pray before it comes so you have the strength to withstand the storm so your house will stand.

3. **Come to church**

- God tells us to not forsake the assembling. That is not a suggestion,

it's a command. The only WORD I can benefit from is the one that gets in me, and it can't get in me if I am not here.

- **NOTE!** How many people say, "Watching online and being here in person is not the same." Correct! Thank the Lord for modern technology, **but** at home is not the assembly.

#### 4. **Worship**

**John 4:24** says

"God is spirit, and his worshipers **must** worship in the Spirit and in truth."

Today we are talking about being doers of the Word for God to work in our everyday lives. Notice this verse doesn't say worship *WHEN* we feel like it. Or I suggest you worship, it says, **MUST** worship!

These things are the basics of practicing our faith, yet we all know so many people who do not do these simple, yet fundamental things.

***Then we wonder why the house isn't standing!!***

**NOTE!** I hear a prophetic word from the Lord saying, "I'm looking for the **DOERS** and I'm looking for the **WORSHIPERS!**"

***Some of us want these BIG things from God, but we're NOT even willing to do the BASIC THINGS He's asked of us. So how can we have a firm foundation?***

Everything God tells us to do is for our own good!

**D. These three additional principles will cement that firm foundation.**

## **1 Be Faithful**

**Luke 16:10**

**<sup>10</sup> "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much**

Some of us want the ten-story building, or a level ten calling and purpose, but then we live at a level three of faith or obedience.

Then we wonder why we're not coming up higher, when I can't be trusted and faithful, to do the little basic things that God has asked of us.

Remember to go up higher with our building, I have to dig deeper so I have the needed foundation to rise up!

## **2 Shake it Off**

*Acts 28:3-5*

<sup>3</sup> Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. <sup>4</sup> When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped

from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.”<sup>5</sup> But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.

***Look at your neighbor and tell them  
"SHAKE IT OFF!!"***

That's God in the real world!

We need to learn how to pick our battles and know when to shake it off! Not everything is a battle worth fighting.

Paul wasn't grumbling and whining, "God why did you do this? I can't do this anymore, I can't take it anymore!" Don't lie. You know that's us sometimes. LOL!

Paul didn't do that! He shook it off and kept it moving because he knew he had a charge to keep, and he had to get to Rome.

***NOTE! He knew that his purpose to fulfill was bigger than the snake that***

***was in his way; so, he shook it off.*** We need to do the same thing in our lives!

### **3 Persevering Praise**

#### ***Philippians 4:4-7***

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS!! Not just when I get what I want. Not just when I have a certain amount of money in the bank. Rejoice in the LORD always... Give thanks IN all things.... ***Praising HIM, on the way to breakthrough!!***

We must have a persevering praise. This helps us to “Shake it Off!”

**NOTE!** *So, LORD,*

- 1. Despite of being broke, I bless YOUR name,*
- 2. Despite of losing my job, I give YOU glory...*

***\*We must have a persevering praise to show GOD, that we see HIM, rather than the volume of our problem***

I'll say that again, We must have a persevering praise to show GOD, that we see HIM, rather than the volume of our problem

- Now that's God in the real world!

-Only then does GOD get to show up and make HIMSELF strong in our weakness so HE can say, "not by might or power but by MY SPIRIT!"

- 1.** Take note that God always gives us a command to act, TO DO, and then a

promise. But to get the promise I must DO the command!

2. The command is to not be anxious, but in every situation by prayer and petition with thanksgiving (rejoicing, praising), present my requests to God.

**3.** Then I get HIS promise of peace that surpasses understanding. But I must do the command first!

**NOTE!** Remember we must be DOERS of the WORD for a firm foundation that won't waste away in the midst of the storm.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

**Note!! We can not have a negative mind and a positive life! We must have a persevering Praise to persevere through the storm!**

<sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—**put it into practice.** And the God of peace will be with you.

***Put these things into practice.*** Be a doer, not just a hearer or the WORD and be blessed, and the peace of God will be with you!

### *III. ARMED AND DANGEROUS (THE LOOK)*

***When we are doing all these things, we walk out the door armed and dangerous with the full armor of God on!!!***

I know what I am, I know Whose I am, and I know I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

That's what I call God working in the real world, and that's how we will succeed in the real world.

***EPHESIANS 6:13-17***

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

### **ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

So, storm, you can go ahead and rage because I am dressed for battle, and I can withstand the storm!

### **IV. What are we taking home with us today? (THE TOOL)**

Did you notice that in our main text from Matthew, that both men faced the same storm? (Covid, financial hardship, divorce, on and on)...We all face the same storms one way or another.

***It's how we come out that's different. So be a DOER... get your shovel.....and keep on digging until you reach THE ROCK.***

**WHO IS "THE ROCK?" The CORNERSTONE- JESUS CHRIST! Then you will have an unshakeable foundation and your house will be left standing!!**

## **V. INVITATION**

- A. We talked about being a DOER today. The most important thing you will ever do in your entire life, is to make JESUS CHRIST your LORD and SAVIOR!

### **Romans 10:9**

**If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God**

raised him from the dead, **you will be saved.**

It's the BELIEVING and DOING in that verse, which gives us the unshakable foundation. Don't be like the foolish man, who didn't put this into practice and lost his house! Make the RIGHT decision today, so that your house.... will be built on the ROCK that will withstand the storm!

## **B. The way to salvation is as easy as *ABC*:**

**Admitt**– your sins have separated you from God. (Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

**Believe** – that God did something about your sins through Jesus Christ. (The final Pascal Lamb/Messiah.) (Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

**Commit** – yourself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

**Do it today!** (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, thank you for loving me. I admit that I am a sinner. I believe that you did something about my sin, through your son Jesus, when He died, so that I could be forgiven. Jesus, come into my heart, I give you my life. I make you my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Those of you who prayed with me today and **received** Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, please fill out the Welcome Card or White Envelope found in the pew in front of you and check the box that says FTD. Place it in the offering baskets as you leave the Church. We'll be in touch this week via letter giving you a few pointers on how to grow in your fellowship with Christ.

**Those of you watching online, who prayed with me, please TEXT:**

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**BE BLESSED!**