

UNSHAKEN

Part 3: Stable Despite Adversity

Text: *(1 Thessalonians 3:8 NKJ) For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.*

I. PAUL PRACTICING WHAT HE PREACHED

A. In Phillipi

1. He was beaten and imprisoned for delivering a slave girl
2. He and Silas were praying and singing praises
3. Paul gives us some insight as to his unshaken perspective **(2 Timothy 1:12 NKJ)**
 - a. The Christian faith is more about who than what - faith in a person

B. Through a major storm **(Acts 27:20-26 NKJ)**

1. Paul had a perception of impending doom about the trip **(Acts 27:10 NKJ)**
2. Everyone had given up hope
3. Paul takes a new perspective in the storm
4. Paul's overarching perspective of his life and mission **(Acts 20:23-24 NKJ)**
 - a. His mission was more important than his comfort
 - b. Problems did not move him (cause him to be shaken)
 - c. Not wrapped up in his own life
 - d. His perspective opened the door to his finishing with joy and completing his received ministry

C. The value of vision **(Proverbs 29:18 NIV)**

1. Not just a vision of what you are to do, but a revelation of who you are
2. Paul encouraged the people to live worthy of God **(1 Thessalonians 2:12 NKJ)**
 - a. His message was - live different because we are different