

Unshaken: The Long Game

July 25th & 26th

Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson Scripture: Daniel 7

Series Overview

Unshaken is living countercultural, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken is letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this! When the world feels shaken, we can rest upon the Unshaken One. When all else fails, He never will. **Join us in this** <u>12-week reading plan</u> as **we dive deeper into the book of Daniel and how it applies to our lives today.**

Series Discussion Questions

How are you living out what you're learning from the book of Daniel in your life right now?

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We think forwards, but God is working backwards. God begins with the end in mind. Occasionally, he pulls back the curtain of time and reveals His plans and His purposes to His prophets. The goal of prophecy isn't figuring out timelines. It's a reminder that GOD'S GOT THIS. It's a reminder not to lose hope, not to lose heart. It's a reminder to GET READY for the part God wants you to play!

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

As we launched into Daniel 7, we were reminded that *God is BIGGER than BIG* and *CLOSER than CLOSE*. Take a moment to re-read **Isaiah 55:9** and **Psalm 36**. What does these two scriptures reveal about the transcendence and closeness of God?

Pastor Mark shared how the Book of Daniel is all about dual-citizenship. What have you discovered through studying Daniel on what to do "*when the political winds blow*" and "*the social storms brew*"?

Daniel's vision introduces a fifth character toward the end, "one like a son of man" (vs. 13), like a ben-Adam, directly meaning son of Adam. **Read through John 5:19-29.** What does it mean for Jesus to be referred to the Son of Man. Why do you think the humanity of Jesus matters?

How does God speak to you? Has God ever woken up from a dream that you believed was directly from God? If so, share an experience with the group or with a friend.

Practical Application

- Join NCC leaders like Peter Hartwig, Amber Phillips, Charles Williams, Amanda Seidler, and Kiersten Telzerow as we breakdown, contemplate, and reflect on Daniel 7 for 5-consecutive days within the <u>Weekly Daniel Reading Plan</u> at <u>ncc.re/unshaken</u>.
- During the Post-service Interview, Pastor Mark and Charles challenged those who want to receive a dream from God to try two things this week: (1) Pray & ask God for a dream, and (2) Let your day end with scripture reading. If God gives you a dream, immediately write it down within your journal as soon as you wake up. For more on this conversation, check out the Post-service Interview at ncc.re/unshaken!
- □ We're still climbing the <u>Upper Zoom</u> each week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence gathering together, listening intently, & responding in prayer. NCCers across the nation have been experiencing growth and a deeper connection in the presence of God and each other. This opportunity to gather for prayer is OPEN TO ALL! **Register at** <u>ncc.re/UpperZoom!</u>