

# Unshaken: The Last Dance August 29th & 30th

#### Speaker: Dr. Mark Batterson Scripture: Daniel 12

## **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?

#### **Message Overview**

Living UNSHAKEN is refusing to compromise your convictions, even if it costs you a fiery furnace or lands you in a lion's den. It's speaking truth to power. It's showing grace in a cancel culture. It's confronting the brutal facts with unwavering faith. Why? God's got this. God's got you. Don't lose faith in the end of the story! Administrations come and go. Nations and rise and fall. The kingdom of God is forever. We find our identity, we pledge our loyalty, to the King and His Kingdom. And He's coming again!

# **Message-Specific Discussion Questions**

As we dive into Daniel 12, what were you taught about the end times? How do you view the end of the God's story?

Pastor Mark shares the story of the siege of Sarajevo in 1992 and a cellist named *Vedran Smailovic*. At such a chaotic moment in history, he didn't know what else to do but play his

cello. In Vedran's own words, **"My weapon is my cello."** You may not be a cello player, but God has given you a gift. **What gift(s) are you anchoring to in this season?** 

Sara Groves says, "It is easy to stand around a bombed-out crater and talk about the crater—how it got there, who's to blame for it, and all its particulars. It is much harder to step past the edge of it, down into the middle of it, and say or make or do something generative." How are you speaking life over the "craters" that exist in our world today? What do you believe your role is in standing in the gap?

## **Practical Application**

- □ Join NCC leaders like *Peter Hartwig*, *Joel Buckner*, *Dee Jackson*, and *Kiersten Telzerow* as we breakdown, contemplate, and reflect on Daniel 12 for **5consecutive days within the Weekly Daniel Reading Plan** at <u>ncc.re/unshaken</u>.
- During the Post-service Interview, Pastor Mark and Charles explore how do we hold space for the end times: (1) How did Pastor Mark arrive theologically where he is now, (2) What about nonbelievers who have passed on, and (3) How do we respond to the end of the story, do we just wait or is there more? Wrestle this week with what do YOU believe when it comes to the end of the story. 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>!