



# THE UNSHAKEN BOOK OF DANIEL

## **Unshaken: Prophetic Imagination**

July 5th

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Daniel 4

### **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 [12-week reading plan](#) 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**

One of the greatest gifts God can give us is letting us get to the end of our rope! That's often when and where and how we discover that there is a God. And just as important, I am not Him! Playing God is impossible! The good news? God is still on His throne! Don't lose faith in the end of the story! Virtue signaling won't get us where we need to go as a nation. Neither will hashtags. What we need is revival sparked by repentance. God opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble! The Spirit of God can't fill you if you're full of yourself, but if you'll empty yourself of pride, God will fill the void with His love, His power, His grace.

### **Message-Specific Discussion Questions**

Describe your relationship with the Word of God. How have you had a hunger for His Word?

What does it look like to know the language of man? What does it look like to know the language of God? How does knowing both play out in the life of a prophet?

Pastor Mark says pruning is necessary “for structural integrity,” for “optimal fruitfulness,” and “for growth.” How and where is God pruning you?

“The only ceiling on your intimacy with God and your impact on the world is time spent in daily spiritual disciplines.” Spiritual disciplines include but are not limited to worship, prayer, meditation/contemplation, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, confession, celebration, and service. What spiritual disciplines have been filling you up in this season? Which ones are your go-to practices? Are there new ones you feel led to try?

Where have you seen virtual signaling – publicly expressing an opinion that is socially acceptable and politically correct, but is disingenuous – within the Church and culture today?

God uses ordinary people with prophetic anointing, enabling them to do things they cannot take credit for. Share an experience of being Spirit-led and carrying that anointing.

How do you protect yourself from falling into that place of pride and “playing God”?

### **Practical Application**

- It’s not too late to join us in our Weekly Daniel Reading Plan! You can find it at [ncc.re/unshaken](http://ncc.re/unshaken). Each week’s plan will be posted by Saturday for the week ahead.
- Commit to focusing on one of the following spiritual disciplines this week: worship, prayer, meditation/contemplation, fasting, study, simplicity, solitude, submission, confession, celebration, and service.
- Read Philippians 2:1-11. Pray that your mindsets and attitudes would be like Christ, taking a posture of humility. Pray Psalm 139: “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there is any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”
- We’re continuing to join together in the “Upper Zoom” Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:14am. Find more details, including how to register, [here](#).