

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Unshakable Pt. 8

Matthew 5:10-12

Hebrews 12:25-29

“Put the big rocks in first”

Matthew 5:3-10 (+11-12)

- All wisdom originates in God
- Jesus put the big rocks in first

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He began His first public teaching with **God’s promised blessings**

- For those who **receive & live life from Him, His way.**

He knew **the shaking** would come

- So, He first gave us **the unshakable things**
- To **keep us unshaken... no matter what**

It is for us to **own, and never relinquish them...**

- No matter what else comes

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They are cumulative, and add up to **The Culmination...**

- “That we be conformed to the image of His Son” (Rom. 8:29)
- **Matthew 5:9 – “Peacemakers”, like He IS (Luke 2:14, John 14:27 & 20:21)**

Matthew 5:10-12 reveal some of **the consequences**

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John 15:20, “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you.”**

II Timothy 3:12, “Yes, and **all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of**, knowing from whom you have learned them”

So, **how do we get there?**

- Through **Vs. 3-9**

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I know people who go to the gym **every morning** before work

- Some, only **Monday, Wednesday & Friday**
- Some have set up gyms at home

I know people who are very careful about **what they eat**

- Committed **maintaining** good health
- Minimizing **vulnerability** to illness

Internalize & exercise **Vs. 3-9**

- And you’ll be **stronger than any adversity** thrown at you

Commit yourself to it. No one else can

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Vs. 3 & 10 both promise the blessing of **“the kingdom of heaven”**

Vs. 6 promises the blessing of being filled with **“righteousness”**

Vs. 10 promises the blessing of being “persecuted for righteousness”

- **Hunger & thirst** for what will surely cause suffering (**Phil. 3:10**)

He was wise to promise **filling before persecution...**

- Don't you think?

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If we're **filled first...** we'll **withstand** the persecution

- Race cars are fueled up **before** being put to **the ultimate test**
- Paul says athletes train to win, and so should we...
- **For a far greater reward!**

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Jesus said, “I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”

What is He building it with?

I Peter 2:4-5,

“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**”

What are the keys?

The first things He gave us – **the Big Rocks!**

Matthew 5:3-12

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II Corinthians 12:10, Philippians 3:10 & James 1:2-4

I was taught once that an ancient Hebrew blessing, “May God bless you”, is translated...

“May God tamper with your life”

We've been given these eight blessings, by Christ Himself

God Bless You!