



Message 6 – Spiritual Relationships

Announcements

- **The Other Side** // 2018 Community Series launching in January // *The Other Side: Getting Through Life's Storms* is a five-week series designed to help you overcome difficult challenges and obstacles. You will receive an email this coming week asking small group hosts to sign up to host a group.

Warm-up

Give the first word you think of when you think of healthy spiritual living.

We end the sixth and final *Unshaken* message series on how *Spiritual Relationships* help us live confidently in dangerous time. As we have done throughout this series, we look to 1 Thessalonians for this principle on spiritual relationships.

Word and Application

In 1 Thessalonians 5, Paul uses the end of the chapter to provide the believers in Thessalonica with **Four Attitudes of an Unshaken Life**. Let's take a look at these principles and attitudes we are called to live by.

1. Live peaceably with one another.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13. What stands out most for you in this verse? Without honoring those who serve you and are in authority over you, there will not be peace in the camp. In fact, we maintain order through healthy leadership. Share an example when you witnessed dissension in an environment where leadership was not respected or honored. How did that impact the team/group's effectiveness?

We discover how we can live peaceably with one another through **1 Thessalonians 5:14-15**. Here are some practical ways to create a peaceable environment at work, on teams, in family, etc.

- a. Warn the undisciplined
- b. Encourage the fainthearted
- c. Strengthen the weak

2. Live with a good attitude – in spite of your circumstances.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What’s the difference between happiness and joy? According to this passage, what is Paul commanding us to do and why do you think it is called the will of God?

Jeremiah 29:11. How does this verse help encourage us to look beyond our circumstances? On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being an excellent attitude), how would you rate your attitude?

3. Live saturated with the Holy Spirit.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21. How do you think we can quench the Holy Spirit in our lives? Have you ever thought about the fact that Jesus did not begin his ministry of healing, prophecy, wisdom and miracles until **after** he was baptized with the Holy Spirit? How much more do we daily need the Holy Spirit in our lives?

Read Luke 3:16 and Acts 1:4-5. Why do both John the Baptist and Jesus emphasize the importance of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? If you want to understand the person of the Holy Spirit better, *The God I Never Knew* by Robert Morris is an excellent resource to help answer questions you may have.

4. Live pure and flee temptation.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24. Put this passage in your own words. We have a responsibility to choose purity and obedience to God. But God Himself is working in us toward that end. What are some healthy and practical guards to help us live pure and holy before God?

Of these Four Attitudes of an Unshaken Life which will you take steps towards this week?

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Prayer

Pray for specific needs of the group.