

UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Jan 31st, 2021

Pastor David Cooke - **Being People of Prayer**

“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

“You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not!

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.” (Matthew 7:7–11, NLT)

• **Unshakeable**

- **What are you anchored to?**

1. What brings stability to your life in crisis?
2. “You can’t ask crisis or opportunity to come back at a more convenient time. You’re either ready or you’re not.”
3. Crisis and opportunity reveal our anchor

- **The Habit of Prayer keeps us anchored in times of trouble and blessing.**

- **Is God Approachable?**

- A. The God of “Yes”
- B. The God of “NO!”
- C. The God of “Maybe...”
- D. The God of Crickets
- E. In Jesus, you are the Beloved of God.

- Your Heavenly Father loves you and is the giver of good gifts.

- **YOUR PART, God's Part**

- Persist in Prayer (Matthew 7:7, NLT)
- Keep on. God shapes our faith and character through persistent prayer.

- **Dance In Faith**

- God leads, you follow
- Psalm 37:1–9 (NLT)

- **Your Part, GOD'S PART**

“For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Matt 7:8, NLT)

- This is a powerful promise of Jesus.
- When scripture makes promises, we can lean into those promises as prayers back to God.
- But remember, prayer is first of all **relationship**.
- Sometimes God's answer is simply greater revelation of himself to you in your situation.

- **Prayer Blocks**

A) Selfishness (James 4:1–3, NLT)

B) Faithlessness (James 1:5–8, NLT)

- Don't give up - “*Lord I believe! Help my unbelief!*” (Mark 9:24)

- **When God Takes You The Long Way**

(Exodus 13:17–18, NLT)

- God leads, we follow
- God loves you. The long way can be an expression of God's loving care for you. He sees around the corners, you don't.
- The question remains, will you trust Him?

- **Let's Be People of Prayer**

- Get Ready...

1. Choose A Time
2. Choose A Place
3. Make A List
4. Set A Timer

- **Get Going...**

- **Do it - Pray.**

1. Every day
2. For _____ days.
3. Use the Bible App reading plans to help you.
4. **Listen** - the last minute
5. **Watch** for God to move
6. **Share** how God is answering prayer

- **Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do**

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to *Connect*...

Deeper with God and each other through prayer and relationship. The Bible to life. With our community through serving.

ICE BREAKER: What is an unexpected way God answered a prayer of yours?

PRAYER: God is worthy to be sought - take time to pray together in your group.

LECTIO 365.24-7 PRAYER <https://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional>

Lectio 365 is a free daily devotional resource that helps you **pray the Bible** on your computer, phone or tablet. It is written in real-time by leaders from the 24-7 Prayer movement, so it is truly pertinent to our times. This resource helps you engage with Scripture to inspire prayer and shape your life.

YOU VERSION BIBLE APP bible.com

The Bible App is a free resource. Choose from more than 1,200 Bible versions on your computer, phone, or tablet - with many available as audio Bibles. This resource also allows you to connect with friends. Many of our Life Groups are finding that the shared experience of **doing devotionals together** is a great way to keep in touch, while encouraging each other with real-life applications and insights.

For free tips and resources on what is in the Bible and how to read it, visit **www.thebibleproject.com**. The Bible Project creates free videos that show the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus. To find out more about this ministry, check out this short video: <https://youtu.be/vFwNZNyDu9k>.

SERMON SERIES: “*Unshakeable: Living The Words of Jesus*”

In this sermon series we explore how to live according to Jesus’ teachings in **Matthew chapters 5-7**. This is the **Gospel of the Kingdom**. It is something we are not only to know, but to do, to *live*. And when we do that, we are immovable, unshakeable because the foundation is Jesus and he is the Rock of our salvation that is immovable and *unshakeable*. Series Reference: *The Essence: Unpacking Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount* (2020). Winslade. Wipf Stock Pub.

THIS WEEK: Being People of Prayer Matthew 7:7-11

Watch the weekend’s sermon here: www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html.

EXPLORING TOGETHER

There is value in sharing perspectives about the weekend message in community. With dialogue around God’s truths, perspective broadens and impacts transformation.

1. What is something from this weekend’s message that stood out to you? How so?
2. How would you describe the perception or understanding of God in your circles of acquaintance (work, neighborhood, family, etc.)?
3. How has your understanding or expectations of God altered the more you have gotten to know him?
4. Share experiences you have had of “asking” or “knocking” or “seeking” God that have been responded to?
5. Does God always answer prayers?
6. What does the phrase “in my name” mean when it is applied to prayer? See also John 14:13-14.
7. What does the concept of God as Father mean to you personally? How can Hebrews 4:16 impact your perspective?

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Throughout his ministry, Jesus introduced God as someone who welcomes and invites **relationship** with us. God shapes our faith and character through **persistent prayer**... *Keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking.*

Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do (Romans 12:14, John 8:36, Luke 19:10)

8. In light of this week’s message, what do you need to *surrender, follow, listen* or *do* to increasingly become (or help someone else become) a **person of prayer**?