

UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday Feb 7th, 2021

Proactive Faith - Pastor David Cooke

- **What's Your Rule For Life**
- **The Executive Summary of Jesus**

A. The Great Commandment

“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?” Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

(Matthew 22:36–40, NLT)

B. The Golden Rule

“Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.”

(Matthew 7:12, NLT)

- **Proactive Positive Faith**

Jesus puts the commandment in the positive:

This is what we DO.

This how we LIVE.

This is what we MOVE TOWARDS.

- Reactive Faith - *“Do not do to others what you would not want them to do to you...”* Rabbi Hillel
- Proactive Living - What do you want from others?
 - i) Self-awareness
 - ii) Health (mind, Spirit, body)
 - iii) Community
 - iv) Courage - Intimacy happens when we take the risk to ask for what we need and want.
- Paying It Forward
- Stop Waiting for Life To Come To You

“Be the change you want to see happen.” Arleen Lorraine.

“Here is a simple, rule-of-thumb guide for behavior: Ask yourself what you want people to do for you, then grab the initiative and do it for them. Add up God’s Law and Prophets and this is what you get.” (Matthew 7:12, The Message)

- **Pay The Price of Living The Great Commandment**

Love God Completely, Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

- Surrender - Follow - Listen - Do

SERMON STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to: Connect deeper with God and each other through prayer and relationship. Connect the Bible to life. Connect with our community through serving.

ICE BREAKER: Are you more of a “rule-follower” or a “rule-maker”? Explain.

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

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)

Ask yourselves the following questions as you read this week’s Bible passage...

What is God asking me to believe?

What is God asking me to do?

How is God preparing me to live more effectively for him?



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*.

Reference: *The Essence: Unpacking Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount* (2020). Winslade. Wipf Stock Pub.

THIS WEEK: Matthew 7:12 “Unshakeable: Proactive Faith”

Watch the weekend’s sermon here:

<http://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. What is the kindest thing someone has ever done to/for you?
3. Matthew 22:37–40 and Matthew 7:12 are a bit like “executive summary” statements on the whole of the Old Testament (the Law and the Prophets). What do you think Jesus had in mind when he made these statements?
4. What are some practical ways that you might have an opportunity to put the Golden Rule into practice in your context?
5. Is there ever a place for not doing unto others as we would hope or expect they would do unto us?
6. Read what Paul wrote in Romans 12:17–21. How does this passage challenge your thinking or behavior?

WEEKLY REFLECTION

Jesus puts the commandment in the positive — this is what we **DO**. This is how we **LIVE**. This is what we **MOVE TOWARDS**. *In Jesus* we have the power to live the Kingdom Life. (2 Timothy 1:7).

7. This weekend Pastor David talked about “**Proactive Living**.” Of the 4 following areas he mentioned, which is your strongest and which needs most improvement?

Self-awareness.

Health.

Community.

Courage.

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

8. In light of this week’s message and your reply to question 7, what do you need to *surrender, follow, listen or do* to increasingly become (or help someone else become) a **person who lives out Proactive Faith**?