

# UNSHAKEABLE

LIVING THE WORDS OF JESUS



## SERMON OUTLINE

**Sunday Nov 15, 2020**

### **UNSHAKABLE PRAYER**

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.”

(Matthew 6:5-10, ESV)

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” -

**It has happened.**

**It is happening.**

**It will happen.**

“Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father  
will also forgive you,  
but if you do not forgive others their trespasses,  
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

(Matthew 6:11-15)

- We are never more like Jesus and His Father than when we forgive.
- This prayer is an invitation to live our lives how we were designed to live
  - centered in our relationship with our Father in Heaven

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

(2 Corinthians 5:21, John 8:36, Luke 19:10)

## UNSHAKABLE PRAYER

**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:** If you could work at anything other than what you currently do or previously did, what would you choose?

**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](http://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 6:5-15**

Watch sermons here: <http://www.coldspringschurch.net/sermons.html>.



### **LEADERS GUIDE Sunday Nov 15, 2020**

#### **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?

#### **TAKING IT HOME**

We are not meant to just let life happen to us, conforming rather than transforming (Romans 12:1-2). We can choose to allow God’s transforming power into our life.

2. Jesus talks about people who do their “acts of righteousness” for the notice of others as “hypocrites.” Is there a difference between hypocrisy and sinful failure, or are they the same thing?

3. Why does Jesus suggest praying in secret, as opposed to praying in public? Why do so many (all!) Christians say they do not pray enough? How much is enough?

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Jesus' point was that people went through **the motions of ritual spirituality**, but it clearly **did not connect with their hearts**.

4. What might a contemporary example of v.7 be in our day and age?

5. V.8 suggests that God knows what we need before we ask him. Does that negate the need for us to pray?

6. How would you explain this idea to a new Christian? How have you benefited (or otherwise) from praying the Lord's Prayer regularly throughout your life?

7. What was Jesus primary intention with the Lord's Prayer?

8. How do verses 14 & 15 challenge you?

## **WEEKLY REFLECTION**

At its core, prayer is simply the intimate communication that a person has with God. And **God is available to us 24/7!** The Lord's Prayer reminds us that Kingdom living means keeping **Jesus at the center** of every aspect of our lives.

9. In light of this week's message, what do you need to *surrender, follow, listen* or *do* to increasingly keep Jesus at the center of your life (or help someone else do so)?

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