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Unwavering and Unshakable!

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58 -Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Steadfast means being firmly fixed, unwavering, and loyal in faith or purpose, regardless of circumstances. It is a fruit of deep trust in God's character, even when circumstances seem overwhelmingly negative. Examples: Job (13:15), apostle Paul (2 Timothy 4:7), Daniel (6:10), Ruth (1:16-17), Noah (Built the ark), and Abraham (Romans 4:20-21).

Unmovable is a believer's calling to be unshakable, rooted, and incapable of being diverted from their faith or purpose in God. It implies a firm, unyielding commitment to God's purpose, refusing to be dislodged by external pressures. Examples: Job remained unmovable in his faith despite intense suffering. Daniel stood firm in his devotion to God despite threats of death.

Sometimes we become apathetic about serving the Lord because we don't see any results. It is discouraging to continue to do right and receive no word of thanks or see no tangible results. But Paul challenges the church in Galatians 6:9, and us to keep on doing what is right and to trust God for the results. In due time, we will reap a harvest of blessings. Knowing that Christ has won the ultimate victory should affect the way we live right now. Don't let discouragement over an apparent lack of results keep you from doing the work of the Lord. Do the good that you have opportunity to do, knowing your work will have eternal results.

James 1:2-4 doesn't say if we face trials, but when we face them. He assumes we will have trials and that it is possible to profit from them. We are not required to be happy when we face pain, but to have a positive outlook because of the results trials will bring. James tells us to turn our hardships into time for learning. Tough times can teach us patience. We can't really know the depth of our character until we see how we react under pressure. Instead of complaining about our struggles, we should see them as opportunities for growth. **Thank God for promising to be with us in rough times.** Ask Him to help you solve your problems or give you the strength to endure them. Then be patient. God will not leave you alone with your problems; He will stay close by and help you grow.

In 1 Peter 1:6-7, Peter speaks of trials, he is not talking about natural disasters or God's punishments, but the response of an unbelieving world to people of faith. We all face such trials when we let our light shine into the darkness. We must accept trials as part of the refining process that burns away impurities, preparing us to meet Christ. Trials teach us patience and help us grow to be the kind of person God wants us to be. As gold is heated, impurities float to the top and can be skimmed off. Steel is tempered or strengthened by heating it in fire. Likewise, our trials, struggles, and persecutions strengthen our faith and make us useful to God. We're to be prepared for action ("**gird up the loins of your mind**"), live with self-control, and set our hope on Christ's return.

The Heroes of Faith in Hebrew 11, is our "**great cloud of witnesses.**" Their steadfastness is a constant encouragement to us. We do not struggle alone, and we are not the first to struggle with the problems and various situations we face. Others have run the race and won, and their witness stirs us to run and win also.

What an inspiring heritage we have! Therefore, our walk with God involves hard work. It requires us to give up whatever endangers our relationship with God, to run patiently, and to struggle against sin with the power of the Holy Ghost. **To live effectively, we must keep our eyes on Jesus.** We get discouraged and stumble when we look away from Him to stare at the circumstances surrounding us. **We are running for Christ, not ourselves, and we must always keep Him in sight.**

So, today stay unwavering, unshakable and continue to produce fruit that will have eternal results.