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LESSON 2 | IMMOVABLE FAITH

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Colossians 1:15-23 NIV

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.”

The Big Idea

In the beginning of this stanza Paul is attempting to substantiate the reality of Christ as creator of all things, ruler over all powers, sustainer of life, and the founder and head of the marvelous church. All these were constituted by His sacrifice on the cross, making Jesus the propitiation for our sins. Simply put, Jesus laid down His life and took upon himself a penalty that was ours to pay. The incredible sacrifice of Jesus did more than heal us or save us. His death brought forth new life. Because of our sin we were alienated from God and enemies in our minds toward Him. But now we have unrestricted access to God through Jesus. Paul wants us to understand the magnitude of what Christ did for us so we can better comprehend and appreciate that which we have put our faith in.

Within this scripture Paul encourages the church to keep the faith. Because faith is the key to access all that Christ has given. Furthermore, we must recognize that our faith is not excluded from shaking. Therefore, we are instructed to have a faith that is established; firm and immovable. It is of the utmost importance that we build a life upon the Word of God, an intimacy with Christ through prayer, a dependency upon the Holy Spirit, and a life grounded in Godly community through the church. These daily disciplines will establish a foundation in which our faith can be strengthened so that it is a firm and immovable faith.

The Conversation

1. How can our faith be shaken?
2. What does the Bible say are building blocks in strengthening our faith?
3. What are some disciplines we can practice to substantiate faith in our lives?
4. What are some other points that stand out to you in the text?

The Takeaway

Knowing that we are called to have a faith that is established, firm and immovable; what actions are you going to take to flourish in your faith?

