

### Hebrews 12:28-Passion

28 Since we are receiving our rights to an **unshakeable kingdom** we should be extremely thankful and offer God the purest worship that delights his heart as we lay down our lives in absolute surrender, filled with awe.

### Matthew 16:18-NKJV

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Passion** - 18 I give you the name Peter, a stone. And this ***truth of who I am*** will be **the bedrock foundation on which I will build my church**—my **legislative assembly**, and the **power of death** will not be able to overpower it.

**Persevere Together:** in **True Life**, **True Community**, and **True Mission**.

#### *What is true life?*

### Colossians 3:3-Passion

3 Your crucifixion with Christ has severed the tie to this life, and now your **true life** is hidden away in God in Christ.

### John 6:40-Passion

40 For the longing of my Father is that everyone who ***embraces the Son and believes in him*** will ***experience eternal life*** and I will raise them up in the last day!"

### Luke 17:21-AMP

21 Nor will people say, Look! Here [*it is*]! or, See, [*it is*] there! For behold, **the kingdom of God is within you [in your hearts] and among you [surrounding you]**.

#### *What is Real Community?*

**CJB...** on this rock ***I will build my Community***, and the gates of Sh'ol will not overcome it.

**Community:** *A society of people, having common rights and privileges, or common interests, civil, political or ecclesiastical; or living under the same laws and regulations.*

### 1Corinthians 5:12 – Message

I'm not responsible for what ***the outsiders do***, but don't ***we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers?***

### Galatians 6:10 – Message

Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, ***let us work for the benefit of all***, starting with ***the people closest to us in the community of faith***.

**Passion** - 10 Take advantage of every opportunity **to be a blessing to others**, especially to our brothers and sisters **in the family of faith!**

***We share a common trust in our Savior, and each other.***

### 1Peter 2:17-ERV

17 **Show respect for all people**. Love your brothers and sisters **in God's family**. **Respect God**, and honor the king.

#### *What is Real Mission?*

**Mission:** *Persons sent; any number of persons appointed by authority to perform any service; particularly, the persons sent to spread the good news, or evangelize the heathen.*

### John 17:18 – Passion

18 I have **commissioned them** to represent me just as you **commissioned me** to represent you.

### Acts 20:24 – GNB

But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; ***I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God.***

#### *We need to persevere together in:*

#### 1. APPROACHING GOD WITH AN **OPEN AND TRUE HEART**.

### Hebrews 10:22-23-Passion

...**we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart**, fully convinced that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity, and we have been freed from an accusing conscience. Now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!

23 So now wrap your heart tightly around the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises!

### Isaiah 29:13-Passion

13 This is what the Lord says about these people: "They come near to me with hollow words and honor me superficially with their lips; all the while **their hearts run far away from me!** Their worship is nothing more than man-made rules.

### Isaiah 38:3 – Webster

And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, ***how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart***, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

**John 4:23,24 –Passion**

23–24From here on, worshipping the Father will not be a matter of the right place but ***with the right heart***. For God is a Spirit, and he longs to have ***sincere worshipers*** who worship and adore him ***in the realm of the Spirit and in truth.***

We need to persevere together in:

**2. STIRRING UP ONE ANOTHER.**

**Hebrews 10:24**

***Discover creative ways to encourage others*** and to ***motivate them toward acts of compassion***, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.

**NIV** - And let us ***consider how*** we may ***spur one another on*** toward ***love*** and ***good deeds***.

**KJV**- "***consider one another***" = ***Take careful note of each other's spiritual welfare. It denotes attentive, continuous care.***

**KJV-Provoke: (incite)** - ***Move to action; stir up; spur on ...to love and to do good works.***

**1Corinthians 12:25 – CJB**

...so that there will be ***no disagreements within the body***, but rather ***all the parts will be equally concerned for all the others.***

We need to persevere together in:

**3. BY NOT GIVING UP MEETING TOGETHER.**

**Hebrews 25**

This is not the time ***to pull away and neglect meeting together***, as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, ***eager to encourage and urge each other onward*** as we anticipate ***that day dawning***.

**NIV** - but ***let us encourage one another***-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

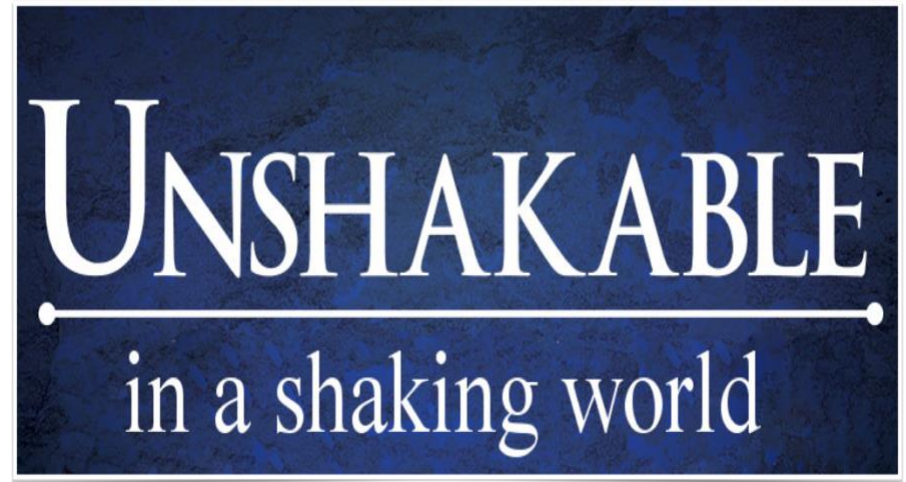
**Encourage: Exhort:** ***to console, to encourage and strengthen by supporting, to comfort.***

**Hebrews 3:13 – CJB**

Instead, ***keep exhorting each other every day***, as long as it is called Today, ***so that none of you will become hardened by the deceit of sin.***

**Hebrews 10:39 – Passion**

39 But we are certainly not those who are ***held back by fear and perish***; we are among those ***who have faith*** and experience ***true life!***



## AN UNSHAKEABLE KINGDOM.

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