UNSHAKEABLE
AGAINST ALL ODDS
WEEK 4: WHEN YOU'RE ASKED TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

"Nobody can do what you ask! . . . What you're asking is impossible . . ." -Daniel 2:10-11 (MSG)

We all have an insatiable curiosity to know the future. Why? We think that by knowing it, we can control it. The more insecure you are in life, the more you want to control situations and people. Some of us are so desperate for control that we put our trust in all the wrong people and things in order to discover what our future holds. But there are reasons God doesn't want you to know your future. One of them is so that when you're asked to do the impossible, as Daniel was, you will put your trust completely in God. As an overview, read Daniel 2.

OPENING PRAYER

"Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened. He told them to pray to the God of heaven for mercy and to ask him to explain the mystery to them so that they would not be killed along with the other advisers in Babylon. Then that same night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision, and he praised the God of heaven." -Daniel 2:17-19

1. No one knows the future except God—not mediums, psychics, fortune tellers. They are just frauds and fakes. To consult any of these counterfeits is failure to trust God. According to Daniel 2:17-19, who did Daniel enlist for help and prayer when he found himself faced with an impossible situation? Who are the people you turn to when you have a challenge that seems impossible to overcome?

God says, *"Call to me and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own."* Jeremiah 33:3 (MSG)

2. Share a time when you called out to God and he answered you. How did that experience give you confidence and faith to ask him what you need?

3. The test of a true prophet is 100% accuracy. After Daniel prayed and sought God, the Lord revealed to him what the king's dream had been. As a result of Daniel's sharing that revelation with the king, others were saved and the king praised Daniel's God (see Daniel 2:24, 27-30). Who in your life does God want you to talk to about him?

4. How do we overcome the things that keep us from sharing what God has shown us?

5. There are eight steps Daniel took when he was asked to do the impossible (Daniel 2:14-30):
   1) Don't panic or be afraid
   2) Ask why
   3) Ask for time to get a solution
   4) Enlist prayer support from friends
   5) Pray and expect God to give you supernatural help
   6) Worship God
   7) Use what God shows me to save others
   8) Point people to God

In preparation for facing the impossible, which step most needs strengthening? How will you go about strengthening this area?

DIVING DEEPER (optional)

1. Daniel made choices that ultimately resulted in God's Name being glorified (Daniel refused to take the credit for himself). Why is it so hard to give God the glory? Discuss the character traits that will lead you to the same result.

2. Daniel's life reflected how important it was to him to save others. How can we cultivate a heart's desire that everyone we know is included in God's blessings?

3. What motivation can we nurture in our hearts for our lives to have the same impact as Daniel's for elevating God's Name, the same integrity in serving the Lord, and the same impact on those in our circle of influence?

Prayer requests and closing prayer.