

# UNshakable

## MAKING THE MOST OF HARD TIMES

Part 2 – Letting Hard Times Grow You Up  
Isaiah 30:15

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### INTRODUCTION

*Hebrews 6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity...*

1. WHEN WE ACCEPT CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR, WE BEGIN A NEW LIFE IN HIM.
  - A. *2 Corinthians 5:17 When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!*
  - B. *1 Corinthians 3:1-3 Dear brothers, I have been talking to you as though you were still just babies in the Christian life who are not following the Lord but your own desires; I cannot talk to you as I would to healthy Christians who are filled with the Spirit ... When you are jealous of one another and divide up into quarreling groups, doesn't that prove you are still babies, wanting your own way? In fact, you are acting like people who don't belong to the Lord at all.*
2. GOD'S CHIEF METHOD OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS COMBINING THE BIBLE WITH ADVERSITY.
3. THERE ARE FOUR INDICATORS OUR TROUBLES ARE HELPING US GROW STRONGER.
  - A. *Isaiah 30:15 The Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says, 'Only in returning to Me and waiting for Me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength.'*

B. I allow God to use my trials to **refocus** my attention upon Him.

1. *Isaiah 30:15 In returning to Me shall be your rescue.*
2. *Job 11:13-19 Yet if you devote your heart to God and stretch out your hands to him, <sup>14</sup> if you put away the sin that is in your hand and allow no evil to dwell in your tent. <sup>15</sup> then you will lift up your face without shame; you will stand firm and without fear. <sup>16</sup> You will surely forget your trouble, recalling it only as waters gone by. <sup>17</sup> Life will be brighter than noonday, and darkness will become like morning. <sup>18</sup> You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety. <sup>19</sup> You will lie down, with no one to make you afraid...*

C. My dependence shifts from myself and others to **God**.

1. *Isaiah 30:15 In **waiting** for Me shall be your rescue.*
2. *Zechariah 4:6 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.*
3. There may not be a more difficult thing to do in all the world than to rest upon the Lord. It strikes against all our emotions. But, when we finally settle down and honestly place the situation into His Hands, there may not be an easier thing to do in all the world than to **rest** upon Him.
4. *Psalms 62:1-2 My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from Him. <sup>2</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will **never** be shaken. We will be UNSHAKABLE!*

D. When I hear my **complaints** about my trial grow quiet, I know that I am growing up.

1. *Isaiah 30:15 In quietness...shall be your strength.*
2. *Isaiah 41:11-12 All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. <sup>12</sup> Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.*

E. I begin to sense a **confidence** in my spirit that God is going to take care of me even when I cannot see how it will all come out.

1. *Isaiah 30:15 ...in confidence shall be my strength.*
2. *Proverbs 3:25-26 Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked, <sup>26</sup> for the LORD will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared.*

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