



## The Kingdom of God is UNSHAKABLE!

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,"  
Hebrews 12:28

The early church began to face many trials and persecutions, as the gospel spread. In Acts 4, Peter and John were arrested for preaching about Jesus, after a crippled man from birth was completely healed. When they stood trial before the authorities, they boldly declared the gospel of Jesus Christ. Acts 4:8,12 says "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them. . . 'There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.'" The power of the Holy Spirit gave Peter what he needed to face this trial.

When we go through difficult times and face our own trials, we have a choice. We can give into the pressure, and be pressed down, or we can let the pressure press us into Jesus.

The disciples chose to let the pressure press them into Jesus and rely on His strength and wisdom. They did not give into fear or the pressure they faced. And the authorities took notice:

"The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus."

The disciples were ordinary, just like we are. They didn't have any special training. But they had one thing that trumped everything else, they had been with Jesus!!

To have unshakable faith, we must learn this same principle and purposefully press into Jesus. When you are with Jesus, others will notice. They devil will notice. And you will have the power and boldness of the Holy Spirit to face each challenge.

Don't let the pressure press you down, let the pressure press you into Jesus!!

**Scripture Reading:** James 1:2-6, 2 Corinthians 4, Romans 5:1-5, Romans 8