



# THE UNSHAKEN BOOK OF DANIEL

## **Unshaken: The Unseen Battle**

August 15th & 16th

**Speaker:** Pastor Joel Schmidgall

**Scripture:** Daniel 10

### **Series Overview**

Unshaken means living counterculturally, even if it costs you a fiery furnace. Unshaken means letting your conscience be your guide, even if it lands you in a lion's den. God is not nervous. God is victorious. Simply put, God's got this! When the world feels shaken, we can rest upon the Unshaken One. When all else fails, He never will. Join us every day throughout the week in this [12-week reading plan](#) as we dive deeper into the book of Daniel and how it applies to our lives today.

### **Series Discussion Questions**

How are you living out what you're learning from the book of Daniel?

### **Message Overview**

Have you ever had your eyes opened to something that was always there, but you just hadn't noticed before? After seeking God through fasting and prayer for three weeks, God gives Daniel a vision and opens his eyes to the realm of the unseen — the heavenly realm, in which good and evil is clashing behind the scenes. Believe it or not, there is a spiritual battle happening. And when we lean into God in prayer, he will give us both a revelation of what is happening and an affirmation of who we are, to press forward. As God opens Daniel's eyes, chapter 10 is just the beginning of the prophetic vision of what is to come.

### **Message-Specific Discussion Questions**

Have you ever had your eyes opened to something that was always there, but you just hadn't noticed before? What was the experience like?

Read aloud Daniel 10. What stands out to you and why?

Has there been a time in your life when God was silent? What was it like? How did it change?

We don't normally talk about spiritual battles, angels, and demons. Do you wrestle with any of these realities? If so, in what ways? What would you say to the skeptic (even if it's you) that has faith in God, but doesn't believe in these things? Check out the [Bible Project's series on spiritual beings](#) for more.

How does an understanding of and belief in a spiritual battle change our everyday faith?

So many of us feel lost right now in this crazy season of life. What can we learn from Daniel about finding our way?

Pastor Joel encouraged us to be like Daniel and contend in prayer. In this season, what are you contending for?

### Practical Application

- Memorize, meditate, contemplate, and reflect on Daniel 10 for five consecutive days this week using the [Weekly Daniel Reading Plan](#) at [ncc.re/unshaken](http://ncc.re/unshaken).
- Make a commitment to persist in prayer this week and the next two. Carve out time each day in your calendar, or set a reminder on your phone, to pray for one request consistently for the next 21 days.
- During the [Post-Service Q & A](#), Charles Williams and Pastor Joel discussed the spiritual realm. Have a conversation this week with someone about their experience with the battle between good and evil. Ask as many questions as you can.
- We're still climbing the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence gathering together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. NCCers across the nation have been experiencing growth and a deeper connection in the presence of God and each other. This opportunity to gather for prayer is open to all!