

Courage When Life Is Shaking

The Cause of the Kingdom • Small Group Guide

Introduction

Tonight's message is about where we anchor our hope. Life shakes all of us — through illness, loss, money worries, or strain in our relationships. The goal this evening is to help each person see that lasting hope doesn't come from our circumstances settling down, but from being tied to the King and His unshakeable Kingdom. As a group, we want to move from simply admiring this truth to actually choosing it — “making fast” our hope to Jesus so that when life shakes, we still stand.

How can hope grow while everything around you is shaking? Because real hope is tied to something the shaking can't reach — not your circumstances, but the King.

Jesus lived for a Cause, not a vision. A vision is something you hold onto. A Cause takes hold of you. His Cause was the King and His Kingdom.

The Kingdom is already in you. It's not somewhere else or in someone more spiritual. God put it in your heart.

A divided heart can't stand. We often serve God and ourselves at the same time — honouring Jesus but not obeying Him.

Shaking isn't punishment. It clears away what was temporary so what really matters remains. Sometimes the shaking is the breakthrough.

So make fast your hope. Like an anchor thrown up to the throne, tie your hope to Jesus. Your hope is only as shakeable as the thing it's tied to.

Key Scriptures

John 18:37 — “...For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world...”

Luke 17:21 — “...the kingdom of God is within you.”

Hebrews 12:27 — “...the things which cannot be shaken may remain.”

Hebrews 6:19 — “This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast...”

Questions

1. What in your life feels shaky right now?
2. Where do you usually turn first when things shake?
3. What does it mean to you that the Kingdom of God is already in you?
4. Is there an area of your life you haven't given fully to God?
5. What is one way you can put your hope in the King this week?

Pray Together

Take a moment to worship before asking for anything. Then share one area you want to give to God, and pray for each other by name.

He is the King. His Kingdom cannot be shaken.