

III. KEEP IMITATING GOD (8:29)

A. Imitating God means being like Christ.

“6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 2:6-7

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” II Corinthians 3:18

B. God uses failure to conform your Christlikeness.

“For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, “ Philippians 1:29

“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,” Philippians 3:10

OBEY GOD’S WORD ABOUT FAILURE

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:”
Matthew 7:24

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INTRODUCTION

A. What storms in your life are shaking you? The storms of life will cause you to fall unless you build a rock solid life.

“He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.”
Psalm 40:2

B. During the Unshakable spiritual growth campaign you will learn how to stand strong when things go wrong. This teaching series will focus on the top storms of life that will shake you.

Oct 5	Rock Solid Life
Oct 12	Lack Of Purpose
Oct 19	Marriage Issues
Oct 26	Career Challenges
TODAY	Failure
Nov 9	Family Problems
Nov 16	Illness
Nov 23	Doubt
Nov 30	Temptation
Dec 7	Financial Stress
Dec 14	Death
Dec 21	Disconnection From God

These are tough times! Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Unshakable!

C. **TEXT:** Romans 8:28-29 (Pew Bible/Pg. 162/New Testament)

HOW TO STAND STRONG OVER FAILURE

I. KEEP **TRUSTING** GOD (8:28a)

A. Trusting God means knowing the **good**.

“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”
I John 5:4

“13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,”
Philippians 2:13-14

“18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, “Behold, we are your servants.”

19 Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?

20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.” And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.”
Genesis 50:18-21

B. God uses failure to **cultivate** your faith.

“2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.”

James 1:2-4

II. KEEP **LOVING** GOD (8:28b)

A. Loving God means obeying the **Bible**.

“37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and great commandment.”

Matthew 22:37-38

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

John 14:15

“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me...”

John 14:21a

“Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;...”

John 14:23a

B. God uses failure to **correct** your sin.

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.”
Psalm 119:71

“5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.

11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it”
Hebrews 12:5-6, 11