



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Theme: Unshakable
Title: Unshakable on the Inside
Text: 2 Corinthians 4:7–9 (NLT)

OPENING FRAME

Tonight we are focusing on inner stability in unstable times.

Question: What is holding me together when life is trying to pull me apart?

SECTION 1: FRAGILE BUT FILLED

Greek Insight:

Treasure (thēsauros) – valuable deposit

Jars of clay (ostrakinos) – fragile container

Howard Thurman Insight:

“There is something in every person that waits and listens for the sound of the genuine.”

Teaching:

God places divine power in fragile people.

Cain Hope Felder Insight:

Felder emphasized understanding the historical and cultural context of scripture, reminding us that early Christians lived under pressure and oppression—yet carried divine power.

Key Line:

God didn't choose perfect vessels—He chose available ones.

SECTION 2: PRESSED BUT NOT CRUSHED

Greek Insight:

SEE REVERSE SIDE

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Pressed (thlibō) – squeezed.

Crushed (stenochōreō) – completely confined.

Thurman Insight:

Do not let fear and hatred take root internally.

Felder Insight:

The Black church tradition reflects resilience under pressure—faith sustained communities through systemic hardship.

Key Line:

You're under pressure—but you're under protection.

SECTION 3: PERPLEXED BUT NOT IN DESPAIR

Greek Insight:

Perplexed (aporeō) – confused

Despair (exaporeō) – total hopelessness

Thurman Insight:

Faith is trusting God even without full clarity.

Felder Insight:

Biblical faith has always existed alongside struggle and questioning.

Key Line:

You don't need full clarity to maintain confidence in God.

SECTION 4: KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT DESTROYED

Greek Insight:

Knocked down (kataballō)

Destroyed (apollymi)

Thurman Insight:

There is something in the human spirit that refuses to be destroyed.

Felder Insight:

The testimony of oppressed people reflects divine preservation and resilience.

Key Line:

You may be down—but you are not done.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

1. Stay connected to Christ
2. Renew your mind
3. Speak life
4. Stay in community

FINAL DECLARATION

I may be under pressure, but I'm not going under.

I may be shaken, but I'm still standing.