

Title: Steadfast and Immovable

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I am glad to have you here. It's going to be a glorious word. Father is always faithful, and His word will not return void. We love the word of God. Jesus is the Word of God made manifest. We are so grateful that He chose to come and save us. So, it is our delight and our privilege to steward the word that He gives us. As you seek God, and as you walk with God, and as you adore God, and you read and abide in the Word, you always know that He is so real. He is right here. He manifests and He reveals Himself to us every time you pray and read His word. The Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit, brings understanding. He opens our understanding. He comes and speaks to our hearts. He knows right where we are. He knows what we need, when we need it. Amen. What a privilege and honor. I won't take this for granted ever, because He is so good. We want to treasure the ability that we have, and the gift that we've been given, to actually know God, to actually have a Father in Heaven, to actually know Jesus, our Lord, to actually know great Holy Ghost, and to abide and commune with Him. This is the Father's heart, and it's always, always around this, that we would know Him and that we believe Him. We want to be believers. Have faith in God, yes. All of that comes through abiding and remaining in His word daily. Hallelujah.

Well, I'm going to encourage us today as we continue on from the Vision Conference last week, in being steadfast and immovable. That sounds awesome, until you have to be steadfast and immovable, right? But, the Lord has called us all to overcome. This is always His heart, for us to overcome, because we know that Jesus has overcome. He gives us a very powerful passage of scripture that says that, "We overcome Satan by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony, loving not our own lives, even unto the death." So, thanks be to God for Jesus and the blood that has made atonement for our sins and to be able to overcome sin, death, hell, the grave, and Satan. That is a promise. That is truth. That is covenantal. We need to know the God that we serve. We know we only overcome because of Jesus. That's it. We only overcome because of Jesus and His finished work on the cross and resurrection. Oh, thank God. Thank God for His resurrection.

This is a hope that we all have as believers, that even when we pass on in this life, we go directly into the arms of the Lord. We just fall asleep and wake up in glory. Amen. What a hope set before us. Thank God for resurrection power. Thank God that He lives every day in us, and it's all through the letters and the scriptures. We're encouraged to meditate and think on resurrection, because if you don't have resurrection, there's no hope. Thanks be to God who has chosen to raise Jesus Christ from the dead, and we want to know this resurrection power every day. That gives us steadfastness, and it makes us immovable. That's the power of God unto salvation.

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We don't want to just have a form of religion that denies the power. We want to have embraced the fullness of the Spirit and the power in which He has worked. I think we'll be receiving revelation forever on this, and will be one day, face to face. Glory to God y'all, steadfast and immovable. I love this.

First John 5:1-5 NKJV

I love this. It says, "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God." Now, if we just stop right there, and that's all you thought about all day long, "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One, is born of God." "Whoever believes," that is our opportunity to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with all of our heart, and who He says He is. But, that's how God works. God comes to the heart. He comes to all of our hearts. He is love. God is love. He gave us a heart, and He gave us the ability and grace to believe Him. When we were dead in sin, it said, "The heart is desperately wicked. Who can know it?" So, that's what sin will do to the heart.

But, thanks be to Jesus Christ, who came to reveal that God is love and that He chose to save us. He's our Creator, He's our King, and He's our God. We want to know God like Jesus does. If I know the word, I'm getting revelation of who He is. Because, Jesus's desire is not to hold back. There is no lid. There is no limit, amen. We, of our own free will, get to choose to believe that Jesus is Lord. "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him," say, "I love Him." "Everyone who loves Him, who begot, also loves Him who is begotten of Him." We love God, and we love Jesus, and we love Holy Spirit. We're not ashamed to say it, hallelujah.

Verse two, "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and we keep His commandments." Now, He gives us the ability to love one another, and that's the hardest part. You can laugh. It's okay, but He's called us "to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself." Truth.

Verse three, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome." That's just the work of the Holy Ghost to change us so much that we actually want to obey and follow the truth. Truth.

Verse four, "For whatever is born of God overcomes the world." Hallelujah, "Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."

Verse five, "Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." There is more power, and more high praise. If you're driving to work and you say, "I believe Jesus, you are the mighty Son of God." You have no idea what the angels are doing with that declaration. How they're surrounding you with glory. How God's Holy Spirit is just enveloping you in your praises, and even in just a statement of faith. "I believe in God, the Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth." These things are bold prayers and declarations. When we get in high praise, and when we speak God's word, Heaven manifests. Heaven comes. It's so strong to know that He would say, "You have been born of God, now you overcome the world." That's the love of the world, the love of the flesh, and love of all the stuff in the world. You overcome the world.

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Remember, “You overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, because you love not yourself, even unto the death.” Yes, there's the heart exchange. We must always remember this. You cannot grow weary in doing good. You have to stand in faith that you are overcomers. We have to stand in faith, because we have the privilege and honor of honoring His presence and standing in this victory. Then we lead others into the same victory. That's our call. It is to make disciples of all nations, to encourage, to strengthen, to build up, to teach, and rebuke. Yes, we teach always. This is our lifestyle, beloved. It doesn't matter when or how. It doesn't. It's not just in church on Sunday mornings. This is our lifestyle. I encourage you to memorize this if you don't have it memorized, because you will use it. “I am born of God, and I overcome the world. This is my victory, that overcomes the world—my faith.” You see, that's when you step into Kingdom authority, yes. That's what moves mountains and helps you to overcome. There are great commands in Scripture. Not really options if you've been born again. This is a command.

Romans 12:21 NKJV

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” That is a very powerful statement from God. “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good,” because that is instruction from Holy Spirit to us the body of Christ. This is not hard for God. This is not hard for Jesus. He certainly overcame evil with good. Alright, it's not hard for Holy Spirit. Now, He's imparting that to our hearts, because we are His family. We are His children. We are the sheep of His pasture. Yes, we are the beloved ones. We are the army. We are the Body of Christ. We're the one that's been given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven on this planet. He charges us, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” That covers a lot of areas, doesn't it?

So now, that is our charge. It's a command, and God backs it. If He gives us the courage to speak what the Holy Spirit is saying, do you not think that God's going to back His word? He will. When you get in line with that, it does not matter what it is, evil is evil, and good is good. Yes, it's like night and day, light and darkness, right? As you get in that river, then you feel this courage rising up in you from Holy Spirit to do good, to speak up, to ask if you can pray for them, because they're sick. They've been tormented by demons. You kind of say, “Listen, I know that I can help you, and that Jesus Christ can set you free. They're discouraged, they're suffering, and in financial lack, right? They've gone through brokenness and hard times. They're lonely.

No matter what the human is walking through, we have to shift the way we're thinking to something and to someone. “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Everywhere we go, every day, we have an opportunity to do this for others. Out of our own victory, we can help. There's that testimony. We can tell others how we overcame evil and how good God is. It gets you outside of the box, and it gets you into a higher realm of the Spirit. Because you know that you've been anointed from God to go around doing good, healing all who are oppressed by the devil.

Acts 10:38, says that is what Jesus did. “He went around doing good, healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.” Where does Jesus live?

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Say, "In me." So, has He stopped? No, He's still going around. Yes, doing good. Healing all. Healing all. That's what my Bible says, "Healing, all who were oppressed by the devil. See, the Kingdom of Heaven is light and here and now. Therefore we're steadfast and immovable in our faith. That's the truth. That's why we ground ourselves in His Word. "Whatever is born of God overcomes the world." Whatever is born of God can overcome and help and assist someone else in their depravity. Glory to God when we can get them saved! Oh, thank you, Jesus! Yes, that's the greatest miracle of all. This is our spiritual lifestyle, yes. He has given us His heart. Jesus wants loyal and willing hearts. You know, you can't do that apart from the Holy Ghost, right? We were stubborn and a little bit rebellious and whatever. Once we get born again, Holy Spirit softens our hearts, and He gives us loyal, willing hearts. It's all God wants.

First Corinthians 15:58 NKJV

"Therefore my, beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

We don't want to grow weary of well doing, okay? We don't want to grow weary. That's why we're called to abide in the Father every day, yes. "My beloved brethren, be steadfast." Then He says, "Be immovable." Then He says, "always abounding in the work of the Lord." They all go together, and that's why we can't grow weary in doing good. Don't despise small beginnings. Yes, "Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." You must know that "your labor is not in vain." "Your labor is not in vain," in the Lord. All that we do, 24/7, with our family, in our workplaces, and everything we do for a living. Yes, all the ways that we help others, minister to others, give to others, or pray for others. My God, it's not in vain. "Don't grow weary in doing good." God says, "You cannot exhaust me." Thank the Lord. Yes, I want to read this out of the Amplified Classic version.

First Corinthians 15:57-58 AMP

"But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory, making us conquerors, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm, (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, (always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord), knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile. (It's never wasted or to no purpose.)"

Wow. Can I read it again? Okay?

"But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory (making us conquerors) through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore my beloved brethren, be firm, (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, (always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord.)"

That's a willing heart. That's a loyal heart, who is sold out to Jesus Christ. What do we have that He has not given us? Therefore, this is the glory, this is the anointing, this is the promise that He has given to us, and we can't grow weary in doing good, amen. Know that, be aware of this. It's not a waste of your time. "Well, that was just a waste of my time." No, actually, it was recorded in Heaven.

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When a work is done in the name of the Lord, great are the rewards in Heaven. So you know, there's a dude upstairs taking care and taking count of all your good works. I'm reading you the Bible here. Okay, there are great rewards laid up for those who serve Him, hallelujah. Hallelujah! Our greatest reward is Jesus Christ in Heaven. That's enough. If that was it, that's good. But know, God is above and beyond anything you could hope think or imagine in what He has laid up for us. The Bible tells us that one day, then face to face, we're going to go, wow! This is that. Say, "This is that glory!"

Colossians 1:19-23 NKJV

"For it pleased the Father, that in Him," which is Jesus, "all of the fullness should dwell." "It pleased the Father." Now we have to think on these things. "It pleased the Father, God, that in Jesus, all the fullness should dwell, wow, and by Him, Jesus, to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on the Earth or the things in Heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." Verse 21, "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and blameless and above reproach in His sight." Verse 23, "If indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under Heaven, of which I, Paul became a minister."

Glory to God. You see God in His authority, the fullness, order, and the working of the cross. He comes and snatches up sinners and alienated enemies with wicked works. He comes through His flesh and His death, and He presents us holy. He presents us blameless, and now we are above reproach. He sees us pure, clean, forgiven, loved, cherished, nurtured, and He's a good Father. When we do something wrong or out of order, guess what, the Father tells us. He corrects us. He leads us in the way of truth. You cannot exhaust Him. He just wants your heart. He just wants us to believe Him. Then that will be transferred to those around us who've only been bound in religion or a dead work, or maybe even some other false religion. We can show them the Father's heart, and they'll see that you're steadfast. They'll see and ask how are you overcoming, right? They'll see and hear of your testimony, when you fight and you don't give up, yes. Steadfast and immovable. I love this psalm.

Psalms 112 NKJV

"Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who delights greatly in His commandments. His descendants will be mighty on Earth. The generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness. He is gracious. He is full of compassion and righteous." Verse five, "A good man deals graciously and lends. He will guide his affairs with discretion." Verse six, "Surely he will never be shaken. The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. Verse seven, "He will not be afraid of evil tidings." Why? Because they're overcoming evil with good. "His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord." Verse eight, "His heart is established. He will not be afraid until he sees his desire upon his enemies."

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Verse nine, "He has dispersed abroad. He has given to the poor. His righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted with honor. Verse ten, "The wicked will see it and be grieved. He will gnash his teeth and melt away. The desire of the wicked shall perish."

This is a blessing of the Lord. It is a promise from the same Holy Spirit, who lives inside of you. This is a promise that is perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ and His family, because now we become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, so He is righteous. He was perfect. He gave this to us. We have the scepter of righteousness to rule the land. He took the scepter wickedness out of our hearts, and He overcame it with good. This is promised, "Blessed is the man, woman, family, who fears the Lord. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." I say it all the time. "It is the fear of the Lord that granted us repentance." That's how we got saved, whether you saw the spirit of the fear of the Lord or not, that is it. All of a sudden, there's that conviction. That's the fear of the Lord. It's the fear of the Lord, that still talks to us every day when we're out of line, or in the flesh, correct? It's the fear of the Lord that says, "Now I'm going to lead you into wisdom. You need wisdom here." The fear of the Lord gives us wisdom. Isn't that beautiful? "Blessed is the man, empowered and happy is he, and prosperous." You get this? That's the Kingdom of Heaven. Why would I want to serve wickedness? I really like God's kingdom.

Verse two, "His descendants will be mighty on the Earth." That's a big statement. You see, that's really greater and bigger than, "we just go to church." You know, "We just barely get by." We go through trials and sufferings on this planet. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb. We do good. We believe God. Did you know it's good to believe God? I didn't say it was going to be easy, but this is the truth. "His descendants will be mighty on Earth." That's a good one to pray for you and your family. We're born again, and probably a few generations somewhere before, someone was praying this prayer over us right now. I'm just saying, thank the Lord for that, "His descendants will be mighty on Earth." That's a big word, mighty. I didn't know that. Mighty, there is Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit of might. The Spirit of might.

Isaiah 11:2 NKJV

The spirit of might, oh, my goodness. This is Holy Spirit. He's in us now. "His descendants will be mighty on Earth." Why? Because of Holy Spirit. The Spirit of might. Take it from somebody who had to overcome. The spirit of fear tormented me my whole life. You understand? But now, I know how to overcome. I know how to take every thought captive. I know how to rise above it. I know how to stay and walk with God. I know I'm totally dependent on the Spirit of might. Yes, you have to understand. "God didn't give you the spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind." That's what His Word and His Spirit will do. "His descendants will be mighty on the Earth." You decree that over your family and your babies and your little ones, "They shall be mighty on the Earth." Wow. Why? Because, they're after God's heart. "The generation of the upright will be blessed." Isn't that wonderful? We need to stand in this truth, even if you're going through a difficult time. Yes, there's such a word as prodigals, that we contend and decree and pray for those who've gone astray. But, we believe, yes,

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We believe for them, because these are mighty promises. He said, "Overcome evil with good." It's a command, "Yes, sir. Okay, so I'm going to line up with what God's word says here. This is my prayer." Then He just continues to bless us.

Verse three, "Wealth and riches will be in His house," on the planet. "Wealth and riches will be in His house." You can't even compare the riches of the Earth to the glory that's awaiting us in Heaven. There is no comparison. I'm just saying. We've got a lot of Bible telling us about that. A few prophets hit the deck when Jesus walked up and the glory of the Lord surrounded them. You understand, because all of the wealth, all of His riches, all of His glory, all of the manifestation of who He is, as the Son of God, came up to human flesh and revealed to us. Wow, He revealed Himself to us. Isn't that powerful? "Wealth and riches will be in His house, and His righteousness endures forever." One generation to the next. One generation to the next. We want to save generations. We want to save generations. We want generations. Wow, hallelujah.

Verse four, "Unto the upright." To those who are upright in heart. "There arises light in the darkness." What a truth. We're being steadfast and immovable. These are words of life. "Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness." Even when you're going through a dark time, or just the darkness of the world systems, there arises light upon the righteous. Wow, yes. "He is gracious, full of compassion and righteous."

Verse five, "A good man deals graciously and lends." Can you hear the Father's heart in this? Get it? We are givers, giving, sowing, always helping, going around, doing good. We are gracious because He is gracious. We are kind because He is kind. We forgive because He forgave. We rebuke because He rebukes. You understand we're fathering and mothering and sistering and brothering and friending. We are here for one another. That's what it looks like. "He will guide his affairs with discretion."

Verse six, "Surely he will never be shaken." Well, we know that we've been shaken, so we're growing up. Yes, we're growing up. "Surely he will never be shaken. The righteous will be an everlasting remembrance." There is a book of remembrance. There is a real book of remembrance in Heaven. Hallelujah, our names are in it.

Verse seven, "He will not be afraid of evil tidings." Why? "His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord." It's okay to tell the Lord throughout the day, "I trust you, Father. I do. I trust you, Jesus, no matter what the circumstance, good or bad," amen. "I trust you, Holy Spirit, I trust you." Bad news, "I trust you." Another shaking, "I trust you. Yes, I trust you." Tell Him that, it's all in the word. Tell Him you trust Him. Okay, that helps build you up, and He wants to know that. He knows it. He hears our heart, but it's good to say it. We can say, "I trust you." You know what that feels like when somebody you walk with, husbands and wives, say, "I trust you." How much more should we not tell our Father, He's worthy of it? "His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord."

Verse eight, "His heart is established. He will not be afraid." His heart, his heart is established. "His heart is established. I'm convinced in whom I believe." "He will not be afraid until he sees his desire upon his enemies." We know that God will. Yes, He will restore. He can repay. He will deal with the wicked enemies of our soul, Satan and all

his minions. Yes, He will make the right way for us. Okay, I'm just saying, "He will see his desire upon his enemies."

Verse Nine, "He has dispersed abroad. He has given to the poor." I mean, give, give, give. "Give, and it shall be given back to you, pressed down, shaken together, running over into your own lap." What did you do today? "Well, I smiled at my hairdresser, and then I prophesied to her. I asked if I could pray for her." Whatever it may be. Yes, don't just think money. We are so wealthy. One word from God can change anybody's life. You know how much encouragement means to someone. I've done this for lots of people, like the waitress at a restaurant. Then they start crying, because someone was kind, and someone spoke truth. You see, we are living vessels of honor who go around doing good. We're overcoming evil with good, and then we're supposed to bless our enemies. Bless God, right.

Verse ten, "The wicked will see it and be grieved. He will gnash his teeth and melt away. The desire the wicked shall perish." You see, Satan, his kingdom, and all the wickedness, grieve and shrink back from the glory of the Lord. This is the glory of the Lord. "It's the goodness of God in the land of the living." Hallelujah! Be steadfast and immovable. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. "Whatever has been born of God overcomes the world. This is our victory, even our faith." If I had the faith of just a mustard seed, Jesus said, I could speak to mountains and move them. There's power in that. He just wants my faith and my heart and trust.

Titus 2:11-14 NKJV

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." That means God's salvation is being released to the planet, to whomever will believe, correct? "Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts." Denying, that's overcoming evil with good, yes? "Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly." He just wants a willing heart, a surrendered heart. "In this present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." Here's a glorious hope. Always looking and longing, and longing for, and in love with Jesus Christ. Looking and longing for His appearing. Yes, that's the Bride being made ready. We should be anticipating, ready, and looking. We have oil in our lamp. We want Him to come. We love Him. We tell Him that, yes. It's our lifestyle. He's looking for someone who loves Him and is faithful to Him, truth. Who is ready. So, we're always looking.

Verse fourteen, "He gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us," noted, "from every lawless deed." Jesus Christ has redeemed us from every lawless deed. He overcomes evil with good. "He has redeemed us from every lawless deed, and purifies for Himself His own special people." Then, He gives us His zeal. The zeal of the Lord has consumed us. That's a fire, baby, right? That's a pure devotion. He gives us a determination and a fire. He gives us His zeal. Why? For good works. "Jesus Christ went around doing good, healing all who oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him. Now, that zeal is in us. Every morning, you're like, whoo. You have your time

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with the Lord. "Okay, Jesus, here we go. I'm special. Let's go do good works. I'm zealous for you." Yes, He'll provide a way. Amen.

Now, in closing, I want us to read one of the apostolic prayers again from Colossians chapter one. I typed it up. They should have it on the screen up here.

Colossians 1:9-18 NKJV

Now I encourage you and exhort everyone to read these apostolic prayers, and pray these prayers, because they're life changing. Because the Holy Ghost is still resting on them. It wasn't just for the Colossians. It is for the Body of Christ, the Church.

If y'all could stand please, and honor the Lord. We are going to read this as one together. I'll go slow, but know that we are really praying it. You can do this on your own, of course, but this is how He wants to conclude this morning.

"Father, we shall not cease in prayer. We ask that we would be filled with the knowledge of your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. That we will walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, and that we will be fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. That we will be strengthened with all might, according to your glorious power, for all patience and long suffering with joy. Always giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. We decree you have delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love. In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in Heaven and that are on Earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things consist. He is the Head of the Body, the Church, Who is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. Amen.

"Father, we receive your words. We receive your word. We thank you for allowing us to agree with you. Thank you that you call us to hear you and love you and obey you. We agree with your word, Lord. So be it. Bless us, Lord. Bless us, indeed. Help us to understand your heart. We are steadfast and immovable, and we love you, Lord. We thank you for your great might and your Holy Spirit, the fear of the Lord, and the power and the anointing, and the revelation of Jesus that's manifesting daily in our lives, so that we can overcome evil with good, Lord. Be it done to us, according to your word.

In Jesus's mighty name, amen. Amen.