

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Built On The Rock

Hebrews 12:26-29, His voice shook the earth at that time, but now He has promised, **Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven.** (Haggai 2:6) This expression, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what is not shaken might remain. Therefore, **since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken**, let us hold on to grace. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. (Deut. 4:24)

Matthew 7:24-25, “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: and **the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house**; and it did not fall, for **it was founded on the rock.**”

II Timothy 3:1-5, But know this, that **in the last days perilous times will come**: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And **from such people turn away!**

I Thessalonians 5:1-6, But concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, “Peace and

safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness**, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **You are all children of light and children of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be self-controlled.

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These are those times and seasons.

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One of my oldest & dearest friends is going through life threatening shaking.

- For the last two weeks his recovery has dominated my attention & concern

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This week I said “Lord, I can’t seem to disengage to prepare for Sunday.”

- He said, “**I don’t want you to.**”

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Wednesday night as Revell & I were praying for several friends whose lives are being shaken severely...

- The Lord emphasized how essential we are to each other.

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Romans 8:29, For those He foreknew **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

How?

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In these times of **God's promised shaking**, as He separates temporal things from things of eternal value...

- **His grace empowers us to be unshakeable for each other**
- When our family & friend's lives are being shaken

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The first thing in the shaking is the removal of non-essential things

- Not necessarily bad, just not needed
- He may remove some things so we can need each other

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We are not made to be self-sufficient

- **We need to need each other**
- **We need to be needed**

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Ecclesiastes 4:12, And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken.

- **Interdependent**

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I Peter 2:4-5, Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, **you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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The main difference between the rocks & stones are:

- The rocks are as they are found
- The stones are **shaped**

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Ephesians 2:19-22, Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone**, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, **in whom you also are being**

built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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Thursday, my research assistant was praying and called to say...

- God shakes us to free us & empty us of us...
- **So we can be filled by Him!!**

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Are we willing to become stones – **shaped from The Rock?**

- All the more as God's shaking impacts our lives?
- **Needing & being needed by each other?**

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As we sing, I invite you to stand and offer yourself to God to be shaped for being fitted together...

- Willing to **Need & be needed by each other?**