

Shake Us to Wake Us

“At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.’ The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain” (Heb. 12:26-27 NIV).

God will shake everything that can be shaken in your life until all that remains is of Him. Much like a strong wind blows the dead leaves from a tree, God will blow away all the unnecessary distractions that have nested in the branches of your life.

God often pulls us out of our comfort zones so that we can grow deeper in Him. Sometimes we go through a cold winter so that our roots will go down deep to our Source; other times we enjoy a spring season of abundant rain. No matter what season we are in, God is there with us.

Do not miss the purpose of the process. God does not shake you to torment you. He shakes you to awaken you.

If you are receiving your affirmation, love, self-worth, joy, strength or acceptance from any source but God, He will shake it. He does not do this to cause you pain; rather, He wants to pull you closer to Him.

Make sure you don’t try to rebuild what God has shaken in your life. He wants to rebuild everything in you so that your only life source is in Him.

What is God trying to shake in your life? It’s time you submit to God’s truth so that you may experience His true freedom. Though God is shaking you, He is giving you an unshakeable kingdom.

“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be

shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire'" (Heb. 12:28-29).

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