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INSTABILITY, UNSTABLE

When Jacob gathered his sons to tell them what would happen in the latter days, he said that Reuben was as **unstable** as water.

- **Genesis 49:3-4:** "Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power: Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch."

Those who haven't built their lives upon the sayings of Jesus don't have a solid foundation. Their lives are built upon **unstable** sand.

- **Matthew 7:26:** "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand."

When the house which was built upon **unstable** sand was beat upon by the storms, it fell with a great fall. (Those whose lives aren't built upon the foundation of Jesus will also suffer a great fall one day.)

- **Matthew 7:26-27:** "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Those who pray without faith are like items in the sea that are tossed around by currents and the wind. They're **unstable** and are unable to stay firmly rooted in one place, and can't go in the direction they would like.

- **James 1:6:** "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed."

People who are double minded are **unstable** in everything they do.

- **James 1:8:** "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

Being full of doubt isn't a virtue or a sign of maturity. Instead it's a sign of **instability**.

- **James 1:8:** "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."

False teachers trick **unstable** souls and deceive them. (In other words, those who are unstable and aren't firmly rooted in the faith may be led astray by false teachers.)

- **2 Peter 2:14:** "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:"

It's dangerous for someone who's **unstable** to work with the parts of the Bible that are hard to understand, as that can lead to their destruction. (The answer is to approach the Bible

from a position of faith, and remain firmly rooted in the truth.)

- **2 Peter 3:16:** "As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

STABILITY, STABILIZE, STABILIZED, STEADY, STEADFAST, STEADFASTLY, STEADILY

Zophar told Job that if he repented of his sins then he would be **steadfast**. (The problem is that Job's afflictions were not a result of any sin that he committed.)

- **Job 11:14-15:** "If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles. For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot; yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:"

The forefathers of the Israelites had a spirit that wasn't **steadfast** with God. (They were stubborn and rebellious.)

- **Psalm 78:8:** "And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God."

When the Israelites returned to God, they weren't **steadfast** in the covenant they made with Him.

- **Psalm 78:35-37:** "And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer. Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant."

Those who get old start to tremble. The elderly are no longer

able to keep their hands **steady**.

- **Ecclesiastes 12:3:** "In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,"

One day Zion will be **stabilized** by wisdom and knowledge.

- **Isaiah 33:5-6:** "The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure."

After the day of the Lord (the tribulation) has ended, the Israelites will never be ashamed again. (This implies that Israel will never rebel against God again, but instead will remain **steadfast** and faithful to Him forever.)

- **Joel 2:26-27:** "And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."

Jesus didn't say that in the end times there would be a **steadily** increasing number of earthquakes each year. Instead He said there would be earthquakes in diverse places (which is completely different.)

- **Matthew 24:7:** "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines,

and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places."

After the false witnesses lied about Stephen, the whole council looked **steadfastly** at him.

- **Acts 6:13-15:** "And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel."

Because of the doctrine of the resurrection to come, the church must be **steadfast**.

- **1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 58:** "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ... Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

We must be **steadfast** in our faith in Christ.

- **Colossians 2:5:** "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ."

The word which was spoken by angels was **steadfast**.

- **Hebrews 2:2:** "For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;"

The hope that we have in Christ is **steadfast**.

- **Hebrews 6:17-19:** "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;"

Christians must remain **steadfast** when facing afflictions, knowing that other Christians throughout the world are also suffering for the sake of Christ.

- **1 Peter 5:8-9:** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Christians must remain steadfast **in** the faith, and not turn away from it in any way.

- **2 Peter 3:17:** "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away

with the error of the wicked, fall from your own
steadfastness."