

# Unwavering - *Receiving Help*

un·wa·ver·ing *def.* steady and firm in purpose; unable to be swayed or diverted

## I. Futurist *"in those days", "at that time", "when you see"*

### A. Preparation

1. Unwavering Kit ---

2. No Surprises

John 3:7 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup> You **should not be surprised** at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

1 Peter 4:12 (NIV)

<sup>12</sup> Dear friends, **do not be surprised** at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you.

Matthew 15:15-16 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>16</sup> "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them.

### B. \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 16:1-4 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. <sup>2</sup> He replied, "When evening comes, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' <sup>3</sup> and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but **you cannot interpret the signs of the times.** <sup>4</sup> A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup> in order that Satan might not outwit us. For **we are not unaware of his schemes.**

### C. \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 12:10-11 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. <sup>11</sup> No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, **it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

## II. I Need Help

Psalms 118:5-8 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free. <sup>6</sup> The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? <sup>7</sup> **The Lord is with me; he is my helper.** I will look in triumph on my enemies. <sup>8</sup> It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

Hosea 13:9 (NIV)

<sup>9</sup> "You are destroyed, O Israel, because **you are against me, against your helper.**

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

### A. "The Helper"

John 14:16-18 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; <sup>17</sup> *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:14-15 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

## The Holy Spirit is my helper!

### B. Jesus Benefitted by the Holy Spirit

Acts 10:38 (NASB)

<sup>38</sup> " *You know of* Jesus of Nazareth, how **God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power**, and *how* He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

### III. Anointed

Exodus 30:25-29 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> Make these into a sacred anointing oil, a fragrant blend, the work of a perfumer. It will be **the sacred anointing oil**.

<sup>26</sup> Then use it to anoint the Tent of Meeting, the ark of the Testimony, <sup>27</sup> the table and all its articles, the lampstand and its accessories, the altar of incense, <sup>28</sup> the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the basin with its stand.

Leviticus 8:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them.

Jeremiah 8:21-22 (NIV)

<sup>21</sup> Since my people are crushed, I am crushed; I mourn, and horror grips me. <sup>22</sup> **Is there no balm in Gilead?** Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wound of my people?

### IV. Let's Begin with the Obvious

#### A. Our Most Vulnerable Point

James 3:2-6 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. **If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check.** <sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example.

Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

Proverbs 21:23 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ of Speech

Luke 1:18-20 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." <sup>19</sup> The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And now **you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words**, which will come true at their proper time."

#### C. Words as \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 12:34-37 (NIV)

For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. <sup>35</sup> The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. <sup>36</sup> But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. <sup>37</sup> For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

#### D. Powerful \_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 12:14 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup> **A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his words(mouth)**, And the deeds of a man's hands will return to him.

**Key:** awareness, training, privilege, windows, tools

