

Faith To Moves Mountains - *By Stuart Greer*

Mark 11:20-26

In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

Introduction – Have you ever read the scripture about faith moving mountain in our lives and said, "Wow! Ok, I can do this." Then you tried to have faith during a particular situation and failed to see any results? Leaving you confused: Like is this true? Is there something wrong with me? Let's examine this scripture again.

I. Have faith in God (vs. 22)

- A. Believe God sees you and hears your prayers and is going to do something about them because He loves you.
- B. Luke 7:7 "Let it be unto you as you believe."

II. Whoever believes (vs. 23)

- A. Any believer, if they have faith can move a mountain
- B. No matter how great problem facing you with no answer in the a natural, faith can move the mountain
- C. Even small faith can grow into large faith like a mustard seed (Luke 17:6)

III. A mountain can be something Satan creates. (vs. 23)

- A. Can be strongholds in your mind that hinder you from moving forward.
- B. It can be casting out a demon as in Mathew 17:20 (my first deliverance).
- C. A mountain can also be raising the dead, healings and more but it's still Kingdom of God overcoming the evil one.

IV. Be removed (vs. 23)

- A. This is a verbal command and proclamation. Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the tongue.

V. And doesn't doubt in his heart (vs. 23)

- A. This is the hardest part of this *covenant* because of spiritual warfare.
- B. A covenant is an agreement between two parties and this is a covenant. If you do this, I will do that. (Example of God's covenants)
- C. Why we must do spiritual warfare in our fight against doubt
 - 1. Ephesians 6:11 "wiles of the Devil (evil plans)."
 - 2. Ephesians 6:12 "...we wrestle..." Mainly in our own minds (our thoughts).
- D. The strategy of the enemy is to bring doubt to the point of losing heart.
 - 1. Doubt can create a stronghold in your heart against the Word of God.
 - 2. Unbelief causes inaction
 - 3. Unbelief can cause us to grumble and complain. These are negative proclamations.
 - 4. James 1: 6 & 7. This scripture reiterates that doubters will receive nothing.
- E. How do we overcome?
 - 1. Faith comes by hearing and meditating on the Word.
 - 2. Rebuking the voice of the enemy.
 - 3. Ephesians 6:16 "...shields of faith..." We use this to extinguish the thoughts of doubt, accusations and temptations.
 - 4. If you find yourself in a place of unbelief then just repent.

VI. But believe those things he says will be done. He will have whatever he says. (vs. 24)

- A. Think about it. Jesus who is God and one with the Father, is tell us, the Father will hear and grant your request.
- B. Jesus reinforces and sums up what He just said but adds faith in the prayer.

VII. Forgive (vs. 25)

- A. This scripture is not just out of place. Forgiveness is a requirement for God to hear you and to move mountains.

- B. Mathew 6:12. The Lord's Prayer says, "Forgive us our debt as we forgive our debtors" Then further in verse 14 & 15 it states if you don't forgive you will not be forgiven.
- C. Mathew 18:21-35 Parable of the unforgiving servant.
- D. The Lord is telling us that forgiveness and faith is key to removing mountains in our lives.

VIII. What if my prayers aren't answered right away?

- A. There are two parables on prayer that give us a key to the answer.
- B. Luke 11:5-10. Parable of the Friend who comes at midnight
 - 1. The key here is the Lord answers persistence
- C. Luke 18:1-8. Parable of the persistent widow
 - 1. The key here was also persistence but also the Lord say, not to loose heart (vs.1)
 - 2. The Lord will avenge his elect (vs. 7)
- D. There are three reasons why God answers prayers as demonstrated in these parables.
 - 1. The first parable – Friendship
 - 2. The second parable – Justice
 - 3. In Both parables – Some answers only come through persistence. Not all prayers are instant breakthroughs.
- E. Asking prayer with wrong motives will also not be answered.
 - 1. When Jesus is your Lord then your will and motives line up with his will.
 - 2. You may ask for things that further the Kingdom and for your personal needs.
 - 3. The Father is good and he answers (Mat. 7:7-11)
 - 4. You can't ask outside of His will. Someone else wife for example.

IX. A history of moving mountains makes it easy to move them again.

- A. Remember the prayers God has answered
- B. Step out in faith and ask for the impossible
- C. Examples (Public speaking, deliverance, business, healings)

X. Conclusion

- A. When you begin to meditate or think about your problem (an insurmountable mountain) apply Mark 11-20-26 to it.
 - 1. Read it; meditate on the Word of God and specifically scriptures that pertain to faith. Faith comes by hearing (Rom. 10:17)
 - 2. Pray with confidence that God hears you and will answer because he want to.
 - 3. Don't falter, loose heart or doubt
 - 4. Proclaim your victory to other and do it verbally (while alone or with others in agreement) command your problem to go.
 - 5. Be persistent in prayer until it happens.

XI. Ministry

- A. Now take a moment and think about the mountains you want God to remove
- B. Turn to a person near you and take turns sharing your mountain, agreeing in prayer for the removal of the mountain and verbally proclaiming the outcome of the problem.
- C. Facilitate a Fire Tunnel Ministry or Prayer Tunnel. Focus your prayer on the following as you feel led by the Spirit
 - 1. For the Holy Spirit to fill each person
 - 2. Give short prophetic words if you have them
 - 3. Proclaim mountain removal over them
 - 4. Pray for the gifting of faith
 - 5. Pray for blessings
- D. Instructions
 - 1. Please pray for each person only 10 seconds or less
 - 2. Please watch where you place your hands