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Mountain Movers

FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS

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Introduction

Text: Mark.11:22-23, Matt.21:21.

1. “...have faith in God”! An instruction from our Lord, Jesus that precedes victory over obstacles.
2. Struggles and obstacles are part of our lives in this world. John 16:33.
3. It is our duty to speak to the mountains before us. We should exercise our faith: “Be thou removed”
4. Our faith can move mountains
5. “... shall not doubt in his heart”. This faith should be an absolute trust in God

Definition of Terms

Faith:

1. "...The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen".
Heb.11:1
- 2. The size of our faith is immaterial to our victory. Matt. 17:20
- 3. Exercising faith shows our trust in God, resulting from the knowledge of God in us

Mountain:

- 1. An obstacle, big enough to hinder or stop our progress
- 2. Massive, seemingly impossible/insurmountable life struggles
- 3. The size of our mountain is determined by our assessment of it and our knowledge of God Num.13:27-33.

Areas where Mountains are Encountered?

- ▶ 1. Physical - Sickness, diseases. Mk.5:25-34
- ▶ 2. Family - Mk. 15:21-28
- ▶ 3. Finances: Debts, Poverty - Career, Business
- ▶ 4. Emotional - That certain “But” that causes sorry
- ▶ 5. Spiritual - The sin that easily overcome us. Doing things contrary to the will of God, but lack the power to stop. Mk. 10:46-52; Rom.7:15; Eph.1:3.
- ▶ 6. Ministry
- ▶ Basically as we go through this world and in whatever we do, we can encounter mountains.

Man's Ways of Moving Mountains

- ▶ 1. Turning back from the mountain. God has no pleasure in such souls. No turning back. Lk.9:62
- ▶ 2. Walking round the mountain: The children of Israel did this for 40 years until death. Waste of time. Num.13:34; Num.14:31-32.
 - 2b. Going here and there without focusing on God
- 3. Climbing the mountain: Sounds good. But what awaits you on the other side? 1Kings 19:1-3.
- 4. Having Faith in God. Lk.1:37. For with God all things are possible. Mk.9:23

Have Faith in God! Why?

- ▶ 1. God is the Creator of the Earth and everything therein, including the mountains. John1:1-3; Is.40:28
- ▶ 2. He knows all things, even before encountering the mountain. Ps.147:5.
- ▶ 3. He told us to ask, speak and knock, and we shall have the corresponding responses. Matt.7:7-8
- ▶ 4. He cannot lie. When He speaks, He will do it. Num.23:19
- ▶ 5. With God nothing is impossible. Lk.1:37; Matt.19:26
- ▶ 6. No problem is older than God. He is the Ancient of Days: Dan.7:13
- ▶ 7. God can uproot all Mountains because He knows their foundations

God's Ways of Moving Mountains

- ▶ 1. God can bore a hole through the mountains. Ex13:14
- ▶ 2. He can break the mountain into pieces. Josh.6:20-27; breaking the gates of brass. Is.45:2: Destroys the yoke Is.10:27
- ▶ 3. He can cause us to fly above the mountain. Is. 40:28-31. To a height where we can look down on the mountain.

God knows the best way to deal with our mountains. He is ready to move our mountains. Make us His Battle-axes.

- ▶ We must have FAITH in God. Obey God as He has instructed us.

Faith and Hope

- ▶ Back to the Definition of Faith: David's encounter with Goliath. 1Sam17: 37, 45-50;
- ▶ 1. **Faith** tells us who God is: the Almighty God. He is Faithful, Gracious, Merciful, etc.
- ▶ 2. He shall certainly intervene.
- ▶ 3. Faith can be dead: Faith without works... Jam. 2:17

Hope:

- ▶ 1. Gives substance to our Faith. 1Sam.17:46
- ▶ 2. God has done it before he will do it again. Our Testimonies.
- ▶ 3. The basis of our joyful, confident expectations of God's goodness. No matter today's situation. Rom.15:13

Faith and Hope are inseparable. 1Pet.1:21. Deep knowledge of God builds our trust in Him. Ps.9:10; Dan.11:32b. Roms.15:4

Living Faith and Dead Faith

Living faith

- ▶ 1. God exist. God is the Almighty. Certainly, that He will intervene
- ▶ 2. Obedience to God's instruction. Ready to act
- ▶ 3. Hopeful: He will fulfill His promises in my life
- ▶ 4. Dynamic and it grows.
- ▶ 5. No room for fear and anxiety
- ▶ 6. Fruitful. Heb11:2. The elders got good reports.

Dead faith

- ▶ 1. God exist. God may intervene
- ▶ 2. Rationalisation. Delayed or no action.
- ▶ 3. Vulnerable to hopelessness
- ▶ 4. Stagnated to past disappointments. Fruitless, loss of purpose and impact
- ▶ 5. Easily overwhelmed by current situations
- ▶ 6. False security, Legalism and Hypocrisy

Concluding Take-aways

- ▶ 1. Faith that moves mountain must be alive, dynamic and active. Move from the static state of belief in God, to acting on God's word.
- ▶ 2. Feed our hearts and minds with the knowledge of God. Knowledge is the bedrock of building our faith
- ▶ 3. We must take steps to activate our faith: "Say it to the mountain..." Dead faith lacks action.
- ▶ 4. The size of our faith is immaterial, but no room for doubts. Absolute faith.
- ▶ 5. Focus on God rather than the mountain. The mountain becomes small, while our faith increases.
- ▶ 6. Dwell on the Promises and Testimonies of God's goodness in our life
- ▶ 7. Guard our Hearts and minds: take out doubters and theoretical analysts from our lives, even if they are Christians.

Conclusion

- ▶ WHAT MANNER OF FAITH ARE YOU COMING TO GOD WITH?
- ▶ Simple, child-like faith, even if it is as small as the mustard seed?
- ▶ Concerning that Mountain, pray in faith, act in faith, and you shall testify in Jesus Name. Amen.
- ▶ Thank you for Listening.