

Give Me This Mountain

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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Mountains symbolize strength and stability. However, they also represent massive trials, impossibilities, or powerful blocks that stand in the way of our progress as Christians. We need to talk to our mountains, instead of talking about our mountains. Surely, we can command our mountains (poverty, sickness, or other trials) because we have the power waiting to be released. God assures us that if we have faith and we truly believe, then all that we ask for in prayer will be ours.

1. We need to obey and expect about our faith.
"Have faith in God...whoever says to this mountain, and does not doubt in his heart but believes..., it shall be done for him (Mark 11:22-24).

1.1. Joshua and Caleb believed that they would receive the promised land; indeed, they led the next generation to the promised land (Joshua 14:12).

1.2. Abraham was promised he would be the father of many nations; though Sarai was old and barren, the promise was fulfilled 20 years later.

2. Let us learn to move mountains:

2.1. **Forgive others.** We need to complete the conditions to God's promise (Mk .11:25).

2.2. **Expect integrity and reliability from God.** Our God is a promise keeper (Isaiah 55:9). We should not rely on men who are mere mortals.

2.3. **Let our faith grow as we realize that God keeps His word** (Jer. 1:12; Mt 21:21-22). Truly, our God does not change (Mal. 3:6).

2.4. **Hold on to God's promises.** Those who are weighed down by serious illnesses will still have peace; through the grace of God, nothing is impossible (Mt 9:21).

2.5. **Train the tongue to speak only of the positive and the good.** Death and life are the two powers of our tongue; those who choose one shall eat its fruits" (Prov.

18:21). God says there's always hope; conversely, satan insists we are hopeless.

2.6. Conform to the word of God, not to the world. God assures that His words have authority (Mark 11:12-14).

3. There are Two Kinds of Mountains:

3.1. God's Mountains – mountains of difficulties that our Lord allows us to experience (1Cor.10:13; Isaiah 49:11). He enables character forming in our life and these will make us grow spiritually. He wants us to understand, acquire endurance and bear much fruit (James 1:2-3).

3.2. Mountains of Satan - represent blocks caused by the enemy. God can stop satan, but satan can be permitted in order to prove/disprove our faith and love for God (Hosea. 4:6; 1 Thess. 2:18).

4. The closer we are to the Lord, the more we are identified with Him and His Cross.

4.1. Unless we face tests, persecutions, then we cannot say we are joint heirs of God's kingdom. We have the authority to use the name of Jesus, and to rebuke the word of the enemy (Heb. 4:12).

4.2. When the Lord speaks, believe Him. Everything He says will happen, depending on our faith (John 20). This kind of faith does not require symbols, signs and wonders (Matthew 17:20).

4.3. We have the authority to tell the mountain to move. Believe, then experience signs and wonders (John 14:12; Mark 16:15).

4.4. When there is a big mountain, speak the words of the scripture to this mountain (Deut. 6:13). The kind of faith that moves mountains does not weaken nor waver (James 1:6).

Conclusion: God is calling us to a high level of maturity. If the Lord wants to use us, He will make it happen, He will give us the words to speak (Exo. 4:10). Let us obey no matter the cost to us.

REFLECTION:

What are your "mountains"? How will you face them and talk to them?

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