

MOUNTAIN MOVERS

INTRODUCTION

Last weekend, we learned about breakthrough. When situations are so difficult that it seems we have reached the end of the road, the answer is God. We need Him to move supernaturally and bring about an extraordinary result so that we can experience breakthrough in our situations.

Trusting God for breakthrough however means that we need faith. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Without faith, we cannot experience the power of God in our circumstances. Today, I'm here to tell you that we can have the faith it takes to see our breakthrough. We can have the Mountain-moving faith it takes to do what Jesus did and even greater things.

At the end of this message, we should:

- Understand that we do have faith.
- Know that amazing things are possible if we apply our faith.
- Understand that our faith is underwritten by Jesus Himself.
- Know how to apply faith's confession.

MESSAGE

UNDERSTANDING THAT WE HAVE FAITH

What is faith? **Faith is simply believing that God can do what He says He will do!**

Do we have faith? Yes we do! **Romans 13:3** tells us that as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Not only do we have the measure of faith, but if we are born-again, then we have already applied that faith in a successful manner at least once in our lives when we believed God and received Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Sadly, many people just stop there and the powerful faith they applied to be born again becomes dormant as they pray without truly believing and then wonder why they don't have answers to their prayers.

Our challenge is not having faith, but applying that faith to get the results God wants us to have through faith!

AMAZING THINGS ARE POSSIBLE IF APPLY OUR FAITH

Jesus was walking along one day. He saw a fig tree and when He went to it, it didn't have fruit on it so He cursed it. The next day as they walked past the same tree, the disciples noticed it had shriveled up and pointed it out to Jesus. He responded with these words:

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV) So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.

What an example Jesus gave. He showed the disciples fist hand what could be done by faith.

- There was no religious theory here... just pure, unadulterated faith in action.
- Jesus just did it!
- He then taught them that they could also apply faith like that! if they wanted, they could speak to mountains and move them – I'm quite sure Jesus meant it literally. If the disciples needed to move a mountain and they applied their faith correctly, then they would move the mountain.

There were some requirements though:

- They needed to speak to the mountain.
- They needed to be clear about what the mountain must do.
- They were not to doubt.
- They needed to believe *in their heart* that what they said would happen.

My first question today is: Are we applying mountain moving faith to our circumstances?

- ***Are we doing so without doubting?***
- ***Is it head faith or heart faith?***
- ***What is the mountain that we need to move? What do we want to do with it?***

OUR FAITH IS UNDERWRITTEN (GUARANTEED) BY JESUS HIMSELF

When we take out insurance, it is underwritten by the insurance company. We won't just go to any Mickey Mouse company that doesn't have a good reputation and good funding. We choose a company that is well known, who we know won't just look for excuses not to pay out.

When it comes to underwriting (guaranteeing) the results of our faith, Jesus is our insurance policy!

John 14:12-14 (NKJV) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

There is only one condition here: "just believe in Me" (that's like paying our insurance premium), followed by a promise:

- "If I did it, you WILL do it too".
- "You will do even greater things".

And vs. 13 & 14 contain the guarantee: "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

- If I have a new car and it's not insured, I'm too scared to drive it off the dealer's floor, I'm uncovered, but when I know it's insured, I ride right on out and visit all my friends and family to show them my new car. I feel safe, I know I'm covered.
- Jesus wants us to feel that same insurance when we apply our faith! He guarantees that we will get the results if we are willing to believe in Him and His motivation is to glorify Father God.

Kenneth Copeland taught this about why Jesus is able to guarantee the result of our faith:

Hebrews 3:1(NKJV) Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,

- The word "apostle" is from the Greek and it means "sent one".
- The word "priest" comes from the same Greek word as "administration", "administrator" or "minister"... ad-minister!
- Our faith is guaranteed to work because when we believe in Jesus, He is the one who is administering it! He is the Administrator of our confession.
- That is why He promises that the things we say in faith will happen (mountains move).
- When we demand by faith that a problem moves, we are not demanding that Jesus move, we are commanding the problem to move, and it must move because our faith is being administered by Jesus! Even the storm, the wind and the waves quieted down when Jesus spoke. Just think what happens when Jesus administers our faith statements!

John 14:16-17a (NKJV) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth... Jesus knew He would be ascending and He promised the Holy Spirit to come when He was gone.

- Did you notice that the Holy Spirit is "another" Helper. That means there was one before Him... Jesus.
- This Helper is the reason we will be able to do even more than what Jesus did!
- The Holy Spirit is also an administrator of our faith! He is more than that, He is our "Parakletos" – Our stand-by – as we apply our faith, He is standing by, administering it to ensure what we are believing for comes to pass!

FAITH'S CONFESSION

What is faith's confession? It is speaking to the mountain that is already in the sea!

Romans 4:16-21 (NKJV) Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all 17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

- As born-again Christians, we are those who are of the faith of Abraham! He is the father of our faith.
- We are the spiritual seed of Abraham and we are children of promise!
- Out of an old man and woman – the inconceivable happened...they conceived!
- Both of their reproductive organs had long since shut down, they were dead, but God brought them back to life!
- Abraham believed he would be a father of nations even though it seemed impossible.
- He took on His new name, "Abraham", "Father of a multitude".
- She took on her new name, "Sarah", "Princess".
- They didn't care what people said or thought.
- They trusted God and out of that which seemed dead came life – and eventually the Promise of blessing for all nations - Jesus Christ.
- Abraham was fully convinced that what God had promised He was also able to perform.

We can stand as the seed of Abraham and as Children of Promise and we can speak to that which is not as though it is. We can speak to that which is dead and it will get life again. All we need to do is believe!

- ***Are we willing to make faith's confession?***
- ***Are we willing to make mountain moving faith statements?***
- ***Are we fully convinced that what God has promised He is also able to perform?***

CONCLUSION

Dr. Paul Yonggi Cho once said this about having faith and believing: He revealed that he too struggle with the lack of faith saying, "I had a lot of

doubt in my heart, and looking at the mustard seed that I kept in a jar every day didn't seem to help!". God spoke to him while he was praying once, and told him that just as the mustard seed is the smallest of seeds, He only needed the smallest of faith to move mountains on his behalf. "Even if you have 99 percent doubt, and only one percent faith, it is enough for God to move! We have to focus on the positive thing that we have; you are in church today, so you have at least one percent of faith!"

Even if we have small faith, God wants us to become Mountain Movers. Today our faith has been built up and we now know:

- that we do have faith – we are saved and we are here!
- that amazing things are possible if we apply our faith – mountains can move.
- that our faith is underwritten by Jesus Himself – our Chief Administrator.
- how to apply faith's confession calling what is not into being.

May God grant us His grace to grow and become the mountain-movers we can be in, and through Jesus our Lord.