

# Move Your Mountain

## Mark 11:20-24

Okay, here we go! Once again we push into Mark looking to learn from Jesus. We are jumping past the triumphal entry, past the cleansing of the temple and past the prophecy on Israel, and instead, we focus on faith in prayer. Our entire relationship with God is based on biblical intake, prayer conversation, Holy Spirit direction, and faith in these things.

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- 1) What does this mean to you personally?

I think as we continue in our walk with Christ, much as the disciples had, we grow more accustomed to the idea that God can do the miraculous and that our giants -- our mountains --- when measured against the power of God --- can be moved --- resolved --- overcome..... Yet, the knowing and the receiving of peace can sometimes feel disconnected. We keep finding ourselves back at the foot of the cross with the same problem / burden / need.

- 2) Do mountains jump back out of the sea? Briefly explain.

Okay – fair enough .....

**Mark 11:22** *'So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. '*

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I dare say if my mountain keeps jumping back to land, something went wrong here! Or maybe faith is fickle --- determined by circumstance or outcome.

- 3) What are we really asking for when we ask God to remove a mountain?

I want you to start thinking of your mountain..... Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.....

**Mark 11:23-24** *'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. Therefore, I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'*

Really, the promise here can seem extraordinary, and it is!

- a) Faith is preceded by understanding the Word of God.
- b) I must understand that God's will is more important than my will!
- c) Any prayer based on God's Word and God's will, will be answered.

If you have not found peace concerning your mountain up to today, I wonder how we could change that in a night.

First, you need to understand your mountain.

- a) Why is it there?
- b) What is God trying to do?
- c) How would its removal change your life?
- d) Is it of God's will or your doing?

**John 14:12-18, 15:7-8**

- 4) Why is your mountain still on land?

***Zechariah 4:5-7 'Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' ' "***

Sometimes our solutions need actions from us. What is my role? Sometimes it may take time, but we can see it as accomplished. Regardless, if we are believing, we can have peace because we know the outcome.

- 5) Do you believe God can remove your mountain?

Let's do a prayer of faith, trusting God to bring us peace.

You know sometimes the mountain is just the lack of peace in something we must endure.

***James 1:2, 'My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, '***

***Romans 5:1-5 'Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.'***

Let's pray.