

Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

22 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.

### 1 HOW MANY HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR LOVED ONES WHO NEED JESUS?

- A. Maybe your loved one is opposed to the things of God.
- B. Maybe your loved one has been deeply hurt and is bitter toward God.
- C. Maybe you feel as though your loved one’s addictions are too strong.
- D. Maybe your lost loved one has embraced Buddhism or Islam.
- E. You may feel as though the issue in your lost loved one’s life is an unmovable object.

### 2 JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES HOW TO REMOVE OBSTACLES THROUGH PRAYER

- A. Sometimes we read these words in Mark and think our faith is not strong enough to remove obstacles.
  - i. We understand the phrase have no doubt in our hearts to mean our faith level needs to be at 100%.
  - ii. We often think because we had 3% doubt in our hearts that we didn’t receive the answer to our prayer.
  - iii. We may believe that the answer to our prayers is subject to a perfect position of faith within our hearts.

### 3 OUR FAITH MUST BE POINTED AT THE ABILITY OF GOD TO REMOVE THE MOUNTAIN

- A. Jesus is teaching the disciples that the object of their faith is God.
  - i. When Jesus says to put one’s faith in God and have no doubt, in essence He is saying do not focus on the amount of doubt you have or do not have.
  - ii. Take the focus off of yourself and place it on God.
- B. God is the one who brings about deliverance.
  - i. We must have faith in the goodness of God.
  - ii. We must have faith that God is a healer.
  - iii. We must have faith that God is a savior.
  - iv. We must have faith that God will bring about the breakthrough.

## 4 THE MOUNTAIN REPRESENTS UNMOVABLE OBJECTS

- A. Jesus didn't take Peter to the Mount of Olives and say, "Peter, speak to the mountain and remove it. If you can't, we will give Matthew a try."
- B. The mountain was an allegory.
- C. The mountain represents that which seems unmovable.
- D. In our application, many people who do not know Christ have bondage in their lives that seem unmovable such as: addictions, atheism, false religion, or immorality.
- E. Do you know an individual who is addicted to drugs? Maybe you work with a staunch atheist or a devout Muslim—someone you know will need a miracle in order to get saved? This story should give one faith. Therefore, you can say to the mountain of drug addiction, atheism, or false religion, "Be removed! Be thrown into the sea!" Believe that we serve a God that brings deliverance and He will move in this situation!

## 5 APPLY YOUR FAITH AND SPEAK DELIVERANCE

- A. Speak deliverance over your neighbor's atheism.
- B. Speak deliverance over your brother's addiction.
- C. Bind false religion over your Muslim co-worker.
- D. Pray God's conviction over your neighbor's adulterous lifestyle .
- E. Take your eyes off your loved one's rejection of God.
- F. Place your trust in God's ability to do the impossible.

## 6 GOD WILL MOVE THE MOUNTAIN

- A. It might not be on your time-table.
- B. It might not be how or when you expect it to happen.
- C. Do not let condemnation creep in if you have given up hope.
- D. Point your faith toward the goodness of God and watch him remove the obstacle that stands in the way of your loved one receiving Jesus as Savior.

## 7 INTRODUCE THE MY FIVE CARDS

- A. Hand out the My Five cards to the congregation
- B. Have the people pause and write down five individual names of those they commit to pray for every day.
- C. They may want to write those names down in their bible to remind them each morning to pray.
- D. Once the My Five card is filled out, hand it in to the ushers.
- E. The staff will write down the names and agree in prayer with each congregant's My Five.