

Speak Your Faith (October 10, 2004)

Matthew 17:20

- In this verse Jesus taught us exactly how to use our faith.
- A mustard seed size of faith has power enough to move a mountain.
- Jesus taught us to "speak to the mountain". The mistake many of us make is that we speak about the mountain. We talk to God about the mountain. We talk to others about the mountain. But that is not what Jesus told us to do. He instructed us to "speak TO the mountain".
- Notice His guarantee the mountain will move and nothing will be impossible.

Matthew 21:20,21

- This was the second time that Jesus was repeating the teaching on how to use faith.
- He gave exactly the same instructions and He now illustrated the use of faith by first speaking to the fig tree. This was an "illustrated sermon" where Jesus was teaching by example how to use faith.
- Notice once again His instruction "say to the mountain".

Three Gospel writers Matthew, Mark and Luke all bring out the same teaching on faith.

Mark 11:22,23 Luke 17:5,6

So the teaching on speaking to the mountain and commanding it to move is not found in one isolated instance in one Gospel. It is important enough that Jesus repeated the teaching at least twice, and the Holy Spirit ensured that three Gospel writers had it written down for us. Hence Jesus teaching on how to use faith and the specific instruction on how to do this must not be taken lightly.

Luke 8:22-25

- Through a real life situation Jesus demonstrated what faith can do and how to use faith.
- It is very interesting that after Jesus spoke to the winds and the waves and calmed the storm, He turned to His disciples and asked them "where is your faith?" implying that they could have taken care of this situation with their faith.

Understand The Process

- Faith in the heart, must be spoken.
- Develop faith by being in the Word, in prayer and through intimacy with God.

Real Life Testimonies:

Turning Things Around At Home

When things were not going well at home, believing these Scriptures and speaking them turned things around:

Genesis 39:5, Proverbs 3:33, Proverbs 12:7, Proverbs 14:11, Proverbs 15:6, Psalm 118:15, Isaiah 32:18

Paying For College

Believing and speaking words of faith based on God's Word for provision saw a supernatural release of funds for paying tuition fees: Psalm 23:1, Philippians 4:19, Psalm 84:11

Speak To Things In Your Life

- Finances, job/career, Future, Family, Children, Situations, etc.
- Jesus spoke to inanimate things, things that were part of nature. He spoke to the wind, the waves, the fig tree, etc. "Things", "situations", etc. respond to the faith that you speak.
- Some may ask "How long am I to speak to the mountain?". To which we respond "until the mountain moves" because that is the goal which you desire to accomplish.



• We know the value of persistence in natural things. We need to learn persistence in the things of the spirit also.

Words of faith released out of your mouth will work for you.

Make this a way of life.

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