

Taking Dominion Over Your Mountains

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Mark 11:20-24 (NKJV)

Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. [21] And Peter, remembering, said to Him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away." [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.

I want to talk to you today about who you are in Christ and the power that He has given you over the Devil.

First of all you must realize that you are in a war with the Devil and he wants to destroy you.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

The thief that Jesus was talking about is the Devil. He wants to destroy you. He's working night and day to keep you defeated; to keep you in poverty; to keep you sick; to keep your kids in bondage.

But Jesus doesn't want you to be destroyed by the Devil, He wants you to have life; His kind of life; Zoe' Life! He has given you dominion over the Devil: He wants you to live in victory! He wants you to have abundance! He wants you to be healthy.

Do you believe that?

A lot of Christians are being kicked around by the Devil and kept in bondage by the devil because they really don't believe that God wants them to have an abundant life.

Ephes. 6:10-13 (Living)

Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. [11] Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. [12] For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies--the evil rulers of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule this world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world. [13] So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up.

Paul makes it clear that you and I are in a war with the Devil and with all of the wicked, evil spirits that fill the world.

Satan's plan is to control your thoughts. If he can control your thoughts he can destroy you. That's why he works so hard to control what you watch on television and what you listen to on the radio and what you read in the newspaper, etc. His strategy is to fill your mind with unbelief.

Satan wants you to eat the fruit of the tree of human knowledge and human reasoning. He wants you to fill your mind with the drivel of Oprah, Regis, Jerry Springer, David Letterman, Jay Leno, Rush Limbaugh, Mike Savage and all the others who talk non-stop day after day about things that only fill your mind with doubt and confusion. As a child of God you must stay away from that tree. That tree doesn't work. That tree brings bondage and death.

Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

The battleground is in your mind. The thoughts you think control you.

There's another tree that brings life. It's called the Word of God. It builds your faith. It brings revelation. It sets you free from the law of sin and death.

When you got saved you became a new creation.

You were given authority over the domain of Satan.

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

You have power to overcome Satan! The Spirit of God lives within you. You're the head and not the tail. You are above only and not beneath. You have the same power in you that raised Jesus from the dead. You're a child of Almighty God who rules heaven and earth.

[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.**

Jesus said, "Have faith in God". He didn't say have faith in the government; have faith in the stock market; have faith in the doctor; have faith in your insurance; have faith in your relatives; have faith in your education; have faith in your programs; have faith in your church. He said, **"Have faith in God!"**

Mark 9:23 (NKJV)

Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

The question is, do you really believe what the Bible says? Do you believe that mountain in your life has to obey you?

The greatest thing in all the world is faith when it lines up with the word of God. When it does you can say to that mountain, "get out of my life", and it will have to obey you.

Our problem is, we have accepted those mountains and told ourselves that there is nothing that can be done about them. We have accepted them as permanent. We have made excuses for them. They have become normal.

I heard a story the other day that was told by a man who is now the pastor of a large church. He said when he was a little boy his family got a television set. This was a long time ago. Back then you had to get up and walk to the television set to change the channels.

He wanted to watch one program and his brother wanted to another one. They started fighting and broke the channel selector knob off of the television. All that was left was the little rod that the knob fit on.

When their daddy got home, he wanted to watch television but he couldn't change the channels and so he went to his tool box and got a pair of vice-grips and clamped them onto the little rod that was sticking out.

The man who was telling the story said that eight years later the vice-grips were still on the T.V. set and nobody thought anything about it because they had accepted it as normal.

When you accept something as normal in your life there is no deliverance from it.

That is what has happened to so many Christians today. They've accepted things as normal when they should be declaring war on them.

The devil has deceived us. He has made us think that being in debt is normal. He has made us think that marital problems are normal. He has made us think that having rebellious kids is normal. He has made us think that having barely enough to get by is normal.

We have become so accustomed to the mountains in our lives we have allowed them to become normal and permanent. **We have adopted the A.A. philosophy...** "Lord, help me to change the things that I can change and **accept** the things that I cannot change."

Listen to me today. You don't have to accept anything that is not from God! Poverty is not from God. Sickness is not from God. Marital problems are not from God. Depression is not from God.

There is nothing in this world that will not bow the knee to the Lord Jesus Christ. If He wants it to move it will move. I don't care how long it's been there. Stop making excuses for it. Declare war on it. No weapon formed against you will prosper unless you let it.

Matthew 11:12 (NKJV)

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **the violent take it by force.**

You must make up your mind that you are going to take dominion over the mountains that are in your life. And you do it by speaking to it!

The words you speak reveal what you believe.

Stop talking about generational curses. Stop saying that things will never change.

Listen to what you are saying.

“That just scares me to death.” “I just wish I was dead”. “I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired”. “You make me sick”. “You make me want to throw up”.

When I was a kid there was a popular song sung by a singer whose name was Peggy Lee.

“You give me fever, fever in the morning, fever in the evening, fever all through the night”.

Think about it. Singing a song about being sick. Why would you do something like that?

You order a big triple meat, triple cheese-burger loaded with bacon and jalapenos and barbeque sauce and you say, “I know I shouldn't be eating this. I know it's going to give me heartburn and keep me up all night. Not to mention I'm going to gain ten pounds.”

“It's flu season and I'll probably get it. I can tell my resistance is low.”

“You just don’t know how my husband is. He’s just like his dad. My mother-in-law told me that it’s been like that in his family for generations. It must be a generational curse. I’m scared to death that our son is going to make a miserable husband just like his dad. I know that God hates divorce but if I could kill him and still go to heaven I would. But if I killed him I’d go to hell so I guess I’ll just have to suffer.”

“My grandma had cancer and my momma had cancer so I guess I have it to. There’s not much I can do about it.”

“We’re never going to get out of debt.” “I’m always going to be on welfare.” “I’m never going to get a good job.”

Stop it! Stop talking like that!

Stop saying that mountain will never move. Stop making excuses. Stop asking for the grace to put up with it. As long as you believe it will never move it won’t move.

Your words frame your future.

If you accept depression, anxiety, heart disease, poverty, debt, marital problems, rebellious kids etc. as normal, then that’s what you are going to have.

If you don’t want those things in your life then you’re going to have to believe God’s word and speak to those mountains and move them out of your life.

Stop telling your God how big your mountains are. Start telling your mountains how big your God is!

Joel 3:10 (NKJV)

Beat your plowshares into swords
And your pruning hooks into spears;
Let the weak say, 'I am strong.' "

You have to decide. You can make peace with your mountains and live with them or you can declare war on them and make them move!

You will never move those mountains as long as you think they're supposed to be there.

Stop acting like a loser. Become a loser.

Matthew 16:19 (NKJV)

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Remember who you are! You serve an awesome God! He wants you to walk in victory! He has given you dominion! Start acting like a soldier! If God is for you nothing can stand against you!

When we come to church we should be celebrating the victories that we have won during the week. We shouldn't be dragging in here with our tails between our legs whipped down and defeated.

We should be so full of the Holy Ghost and the Word of God and faith that no maintain has a chance to survive.

When your alarm clock goes off in the morning the devils that have been assigned to you ought to be passing out Roloids saying, "O, no, he's about to get up. We're in trouble now!"

Wake up and say, "This is the day that the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it!"

Say, "When I'm ninety-five I'll still be alive, living large, and still be in charge.

"When I'm one-hundred and one, I'll still be having fun and have the devil on the run."

Don't wave the white flag and give up.

If your child is on drugs declare war on the devil.

The Bible says, “The seed of the righteous shall be delivered!” Speak to that mountain and say.... “You foul devil of perversion, let my daughter go. All my children shall be taught of the Lord. Great will be the peace. I bless my generations, my children and my children’s children in the name of Jesus Christ. Move mountain in the name of Jesus Christ.

Cancer...go! Infertility...go! depression...go! Whatever it is...curse it in the name of Jesus Christ. Make that mountain move. It may not happen today but it’s going to move! The word of God says it will move if you have faith in God.

What is your mountain? What is that thing in your life that is keeping you from serving God like you ought to be serving Him? What is it that is keeping you from having what you ought to have?

Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

God wants you to have all you need. He wants you to walk in victory. He wants you to be in good health. He wants your marriage to prosper. He wants your children to serve Him and to be blessed.

Jesus Christ came that you might have life and have it more abundantly.

In His name claim the things that He has promised you.

Don’t allow Satan to steal them from you. Declare war on him. Take back what the enemy has stolen from you. Do what the song says. Go to the enemy’s camp and take back what he has stolen from you. Put the devil where he belongs...under your feet.

Do it in Jesus name!

Give invitation.

