

Introduction:

- *“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. 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.”* (Mark 11:22–24, NKJV)

I. The Exhortation

- A. “Have faith in God.”
 1. This is an exhortation by Jesus to His disciples that, “Hey, you guys can have this too!” As a matter of fact, “I am telling you to have the Faith of God.”
 2. With Jesus saying this: it opens a whole new realm of spiritual living for humanity. It introduces the concept that God desires you to have this kind of faith because there are some mountains that you will encounter in your life that need to be moved. This kind of faith will do that.
 3. With Jesus saying this: it opens prepares and equips them for the strongholds of darkness they will face in the future and the mountains that they themselves will move for the glory of God.
 4. No obstacle should be able to stand before a confiding faith in God.
- B. Jesus is the picture of a man fully redeemed! Jesus is a picture of a man fully recovered and restored by God. He is not redeemed or restored. He is a ‘picture’ of what God intends us to have in Christ. That is a picture of infinite possibilities! Victorious!
 1. This is what makes the cursing of the fig tree so important to this passage.
 2. Jesus is literally demonstrating the power of faith in God activated in the heart of a man!
- C. How do you get God’s faith? We will start from highest to the lowest and strongest to the weakest.
 1. It is a gift,
 - a) Believe to receive it. Grace is God’s ability in me to do what I cannot do in and of myself. It is a spiritual gift. So it is God’s faith that we are asking for as when we are in prayer. Covet to desire spiritual gifts...especially gift of prophecy.
 - b) Ask for it!
 - c) stir the gift as you do the prophetic gift (those of you who have been through the classes)
 2. It comes by hearing. *“So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.”* (Romans 10:17, NLT) So you can grow it.
 3. It comes by testimony. Testimonies paint pictures for us as to what can be-hope. *“NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].”* (Hebrews 11:1, AMP)
 - a) When we see a miracle or hear a testimony it has opportunity to create hope in us. Hope is future tense.
 - b) God is not respecter of persons, so what he does for others he will do for you.
 - c) Miracles help people to believe.
 - (1) *“Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see signs and miracles happen, you [people] never will believe (trust, have faith) at all.”* (John 4:48, AMP)

- (2) Jn 10:38 If you do not believe me then believe on the works themselves.
 (3) So the exhortation of Jesus is for us to have God's faith. Then he begins to explain to them how to have this kind of faith.

II. The Explanation

- A. You can 'say' to your mountain and will have to obey you under three conditions.
 B. Really believe - trust in God. Complete and total trust!
 1. Your heart is bigger than your head. What you can grasp, see, and understand from the heart is so much bigger than what you can grasp and conceive from your head.
 2. Small minded people put their mind first. They want the knowledge because they feel that is what gives them stability and so they live out of the head and have no need of God. But there is a place in God which is so much greater than than just having head knowledge. It is the impossibilities in our life, that give us reason for trust.
 C. Have no doubt - (diakrino-waver,doubt) if I have doubt then I am not in the place of trust.
 IE. "He said he will catch me but I am not sure if He will catch me."
 1. *"But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind."* (James 1:6, NLT)
 2. Ro 4:20 Abraham believed. To be free of doubt is to be free of all uncertainty.
 D. Live free of offense/unforgiveness. There are things that will hinder us from receiving from God. If we are carrying an offense, that causes us to have unforgiveness in our heart. Mt 5:22-ff.

III. The Exploration

- A. All things are possible for those who believe.
 1. "Jesus said to him, *"But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*" (Matthew 19:26, NKJV)
 2. "Jesus said to him, What do you mean "if"? *"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*" (Mark 9:23, NKJV)
 B. If all things are possible for those who believe, then God gives us liberty to explore the realm of possibilities within His will!
 1. Men can try and kill by throwing you off a cliff and you can walk out the middle of the crowd. Lk 4:30
 2. You could be bitten by viper and shake it off in a fire. Acts 28:3-ff
 3. You can calm a storm. Mt 8:24-ff
 C. What is the mountain you are facing?

Conclusion:

- Jesus said, "Have the faith of God." It is something he wants for us. The question is do you want it for yourself.