

Speak to the Mountain (The Problem)

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Introduction:

This is a vital lesson for us to learn and to apply in our lives. The results we are looking for in prayer and in living the Christian life **can** sometimes be boiled down to this one thing; did we speak to the issue? It is like telling someone that you want your dog to obey you and you ask them to help. They watch you for a while but then stop what you are doing and simply say, "You need to give your dog a command!" In other words exercise your authority by speaking to your dog. Jesus taught us this:

Mark 11: 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.**

It is amazing but in verse 23 Jesus actually tells us three times to speak, say, or command the mountain. I've highlighted them to point this out. We have often spoken to God about our problems not realizing that God had delegated to us the power and authority to speak to our problems. In fact, if we do not speak to our problems in Jesus' name they won't be affected or addressed by God. If Jesus hadn't commanded the demons to leave they would not have left.

Mt 8:16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon–possessed. **And He cast out the spirits with a word**, and healed all who were sick,

Consider what Jesus did: He spoke to the winds and the waves (Matt. 8:26), he spoke to the fig tree (Mark 11), he spoke to the demons to come out with a word (Matt. 8:16), he commanded sickness and disease to leave bodies, and then He commands us to do what he did (John 14:12).

Our dominion is exercised by the words we speak. Our authority is released into any situation because we speak the oracles of God (I Pet. 4:11). Paul said, “Because I believe therefore I speak!”(II Cor. 4:13).

Salvation happens because we believe in our hearts and speak or confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord. Our confession the scripture reveals is what makes our salvation real.

Ro 10:10 **For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

In Mark 11:22 & 23 Jesus plainly tells us to speak to the mountain “Be removed and be cast into the sea” **and if we do not doubt in our heart**, but believe those things we say will be done, we will have whatever we say.” **Jesus taught us this as a principle of faith**. We speak because that is what establishes authority. We speak what is in line with Jesus’ nature and truth. It’s limits are only bound by those things that agrees with God’s grace found in His Word.

What is the mountain? The mountain is anything that is contrary to God’s will that is standing or obstructing God’s will

being done in our life. It is the problem, the curse, the illness or disease, the demon, the misalign circumstances that are in opposition to God's will.

How do we have the right to speak to the mountain? We have the right through becoming righteous in Christ Jesus (I Cor. 1:30)! We now stand in His stead because we are now living our life in the faith of the Son of God who loved us and died for us (Gal. 2:20). We have the right because Jesus authorized us to do it! This is plainly understood from the **Great Commission**:

Matt. 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.**

19 "**Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 "**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded** you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

Consider that these following verses include the meaning of commanding or demanding in Jesus' name!

Joh 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*.

Joh 16:24 "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

The word **ask** (*aiteo in the Greek*) is also defined as: call for, require. This gives it another meaning as in command, call for, express and require and in need or demand. We are not demanding of God anything but understanding that God's grace has already done everything we need and empowered us to get.

Therefore we demand, call for, command, require not of God but of this realm, by the Spirit of God for God's grace to manifest! Like a policeman **calling for** the traffic to stop, he is demanding and taking his authority given to him by the state to exercise dominion in order to bring about the will of the law.

Jesus went about doing good and destroying the works of the devil and healing all who were oppressed (Acts. 10:38)...one of the main ways he accomplished this is by his words! The centurion said to Jesus "I'm not worthy that you should come under my house, but say the word and my servant shall be healed." Jesus said to him, "Go it is as you have said (Luke 7:7)."

The demons that possessed the man in the tombs spoke to Jesus asking him to not send them into the abyss but to go to the pigs nearby. Jesus said "Go."

Matt. 8:31 So the demons begged Him, saying, "**If You cast us out**, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."
32 And He said to them, "**Go.**"

Jesus spoke peace to heal, deliver, and set free:

Mr 5:34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. **Go in peace**, and be healed of your affliction."

Lu 7:50 Then He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. **Go in peace.**"

Lu 8:48 And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. **Go in peace.**"

We operate this way in so many ways in the natural world for example: Orders are taken when we speak at restaurants!

Soldiers obey commands when officers speak! Our dogs obey us when we command them!

For us to have dominion like Jesus exercised it we must see that He didn't ask the Father to heal the sick, raise the dead, cure the lepers, restore the deformed, **he spoke directly to the issues**. Jesus acted as if His word had the power to change the world and it did. Then he turned around and commanded us to do the same things (Matt. 28:20 & John 14:12).

Addressing The Condition of Doubt!

Mark 11:23 also reveals that **we must not doubt in our heart**. It is vital for us to understand what doubt is as compared to unbelief. Doubt according to James 1:6-8

Jas 1:6 But let him ask in faith, **with no doubting**, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

Doubt is defined as being double minded, uncertain, not knowing, tossed back and forth about the matter. **This means we do not know what God's will is**. We are not convinced and can easily be swayed away from being single minded about His will. **Doubt** is simply not accepting the Word of God as it is written and spoken. We are not single minded about the plain sense and truth of the meaning of God's Word. **Doubt** doesn't know God's will. When Jesus speaks in Mark 11:23 he is telling us to speak to the mountain in faith without doubt; Faith knows God's will and purpose while doubt doesn't know.

We cannot exercise faith until we actually know God's will and are single minded about it. Once we know God's will through His Word and are convinced in our heart to the truth of it, we are no longer in doubt. We can actually remove doubt! Consider our salvation most who have been born again have received in their heart a witness to this truth. The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God! In essence we know that we know...that is a Spirit thing but it happens because we are convinced in our heart that we are saved—we call this blessed assurance. Faith then responds to the revelation of God's will in salvation (grace) and the will of God becomes established in our hearts through the witness of the Spirit—bringing revelation knowledge or knowing.

Unbelief has to do with questioning whether or not God's will, will come to pass! Unbelief knows what God's will is but wavers on its **performance** in this life. It is like saying, "I know what God's Word or will is but reality is something else!"

Unbelief is actually manifest in three categories: 1) We know what God's Word says but we don't believe it will happen or that He's done it—calling God a liar; 2) We know what God's Word says but we actually believe what the scientist, or doctor, or professor, or politician, or family members says more—committing spiritual adultery; 3) We know what God's Word says but we don't believe it will overcome or have enough power to bring health, change the circumstances, or prevail—blaspheming the Word of God.

As strange as it might sound, unbelief can be overcome through repentance, and God's power can still operate how be it

hindered, to bring about deliverance. Unbelief is horrendous in the face of God's nature and integrity within our hearts; however, through the blood of Christ we are forgiven and recovery, power, healing, and changed circumstances still manifest. **With doubt we have a more serious situation**; God's power is stopped because He will not override our heart to bring his will to pass in our life. **If we don't know His will the power of God is stopped!**

For example: Someone might believe it is God's will to save them; however, because of sin in their life, feeling guilty, feeling condemned in their own conscience, they might not receive peace immediately when they pray. They may doubt whether or not God came into their life although they believe God wants to...They know Jesus saves but are not sure Jesus saved them yet...

With doubt the matter is far more serious because the person may not with their whole heart be convinced that salvation is real. They may not believe genuinely that Jesus is the savior. They may doubt that God exists or loves them. They are not convinced enough to ask to be saved. Sometimes people pray to be saved but deep in their hearts they don't mean it. They may be doing it to please someone else but honestly do not believe in Jesus or the need to be saved.

With this understanding we can now see what Jesus meant when he said "does not doubt in his heart" because that would mean they are not convinced that they have authority through faith to speak to the mountain...

We may think in our own heart that the mountain is too big for God to do anything about it. We may feel that our faith is

not big enough to move mountains...yet Jesus said faith even the size of the smallest seed is big enough...what we need to understand is that Jesus gave us this authority and standing upon His nature, character, and integrity we are speaking as He taught us to do...and this glorifies the Father for us to be restored to faith. We are restored to our power in Christ to exercise our dominion.

Conclusion:

Therefore with scripture as our foundation, with Jesus as our example, with the authority of His name, with the power of His faith, we as His saved and chosen vessel SPEAK to the issues, the mountains to be removed. When we speak to the problem in God's name instead of speaking to God about the problem we'll get the results that God promised.