

Opening: Show me how big the mountain is that is in front of you and I will show you how big my God is to move it. We have heard Jesus encourage His people to believe and speak to the mountains in our life. Today we want to build our faith in the supernatural ability of Jesus to turn any situation around for our good and His glory.

Key Verse:

Mark 11:20-24 **20**As they were walking back in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from its roots. **21**Peter remembered it and said, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree You cursed has withered."**22**"**Have faith in God,**" Jesus said to them. **23**"Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' **and has no doubt in his heart** but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him. **24**Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, **believe that you have received it**, and it will be yours.

John 15:4-5 **4****Remain in Me**, and I will remain in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit **by itself** unless it remains in the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. **For apart from Me you can do nothing.**

1. Why did Jesus do miracles?

- a. **John 5:31-38** **31**If I testify about Myself, My testimony is not valid. **32**There is another who testifies about Me, and I know that His testimony about Me is valid.**33**You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth. **34**Even though I do not accept human testimony, I say these things so that you may be saved.**35**John was a lamp that burned and gave light, and you were willing for a season to bask in his light. **36****But I have testimony more substantial than that of John.** For the works that the Father has given Me to accomplish—**the very works I am doing—testify about Me that the Father has sent Me.** **37**And the Father who sent Me has Himself testified about Me. You have never heard His voice nor seen His form, **38**nor does His word abide in you, because you do not believe the One, He sent.
- b. Jesus performed miracles that were already preordained for Him to do by His Father.
- c. Jesus worked miracles because they revealed the power and nature of who He was and is today.
- d. God is still performing miracles that testify to who Jesus is. One of the reasons we see less miracles today than in generations past is because the miracles are focusing more on people and less on glorifying Jesus.
- e. The testimony of Jesus is testifying not only that He is the Messiah but that how he lived, what he spoke, the things he approved of the things he did not approve of, how he worked, and the things he valued were also the truth. **The works legitimize everything Jesus was doing** because Jesus did the works only God himself could have done.
- f. **Key Point:** As much as humans want to make us the primary character in this story, we call life, we never will be. Creation was made to and for God, and God to be revealed to His creation. We are unable to walk with God unless we know Him. God knows us perfectly, but we do not know Him perfectly.

i. Romans 11:36, Colossians 1:16-17, Ephesians 1:10

2. Do you want to see God do the impossible in your life?

- a. To work the works of God you have to move from doubt to faith, from skepticism to resolute conviction.
- b. Doubts are always present; we wrestle with the truth to know it so that it may supplant the doubts within our hearts. There is no sidestepping this process, if you want to see the works of faith you must have true faith.
- c. **What is it about God that we are doubting?**
 - i. Sometimes you are doubting whether God is good enough to give you what you are asking for.
 1. Satan is always working overtime to distort God's image to you. Jesus says that God is good, but Satan wants you to believe He is not good, or at a minimum He is not good towards you.
 2. **Question: If God is good, why don't I see good happening in my life?** Sometimes you have to qualify what good is? Maybe your definition of good is not God's definition of good, so therefore you can't see or appreciate the good that He is doing in your life.
 3. Also by that question, maybe the thing your asking for isn't even good for you at all, or it is so far below God's best for your life that He is telling you no so He can give you something better.
 - ii. Sometimes you are doubting whether the thing you are asking for is even God's will and purpose for your life.
 1. Ask yourself, is this thing I am believing God for a promise found in the bible? If it isn't does the request line up with the revealed nature of God, or does the thing you are asking for deny any of the commandments of God?
 2. **Life Lesson:** A reason people don't receive what they are asking for is because they are asking for something God would have to override his own nature to give you. God cannot give you something that will result in your sinning. Satan will, God won't.

iii. Sometimes you are doubting whether you are worthy to receive what you are asking for.

1. Truth is you were never worthy by yourself to ask God for anything.
2. In Christ however, you are now an adopted child of the King and can ask your Heavenly Father to help in every area of life.
3. For the Christian it is not a matter of worth, but of proximity to the source. Jesus is always worthy and always able. Everything Jesus desires He receives, to be in Christ is to please the Father perfectly.
4. **John 15:5** I am the vine and you are the branches. The one who remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit. **For apart from Me you can do nothing.**

5. God will not move until you are done

a. In scripture we see that Jesus often waited until the situation looked impossible before He intervened.

- i. Jesus walked on water to the disciples in the 4th **or last watch of the night** around 3am in the morning after they had been rowing all night.
- ii. Jesus came to Mary's house only **after Lazarus had died** and had been in the grave for 4 days.
- iii. Jesus waited until **all the wine was gone**, and then had the servants fill the containers with water so He could make it wine. "He saved the best for last"
- iv. Jesus healed the sick woman who had a bleeding issue that caused her to **spend all her money** seeking medical attention.

b. **Question:** Is God a God of delays? What if we are the ones who delay coming to God because we instead find it easier to place our faith in something other than Him. What if Jesus is always on time and ready, but we are the ones who are delaying.

c. **Isaiah 42:8** "I am the LORD, that is My name; **I will not give My glory to another**, Nor My praise to idols.

d. God will wait patiently until you are done trying to do it within your own power, no matter how long it may take you to exhaust your abilities.

e. We are so prone to take the credit for ourselves or to give the credit to another, that God often has to wait until we have come to the absolute end of ourselves to move.

6. Have we learned He is everything

a. **Jesus near the beginning of His ministry Luke 5:1-11** Jesus Calls Peter to let down his nets to fish. Peter replies " We have been fishing all night and haven't caught a thing."

i. **Luke 5:5** Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as **You say and let down the nets.**"

ii. Although Peter initially balks at Jesus' request, he listens and obeys the voice of Jesus to try to go fishing again. (God notices our hearts, a obedient heart is sometimes doing things you don't want to initially)

b. **Jesus near the end of His earthly ministry John 21:1-11** Jesus stands on the shore unknown to the disciples and calls them to cast their net. Without hesitation they drop the net.

i. **John 21:6** He told them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it there, and they were unable to haul it in because of the **great number of fish.** Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"

ii. It isn't a coincidence that without hesitation this time the disciples cast their net. Even though Peter is still questioning his standing with Jesus He cannot forget what He has seen in the past. He is quickly obedient and willing to try.

7. Whose Disciple, are you?

a. **John 15: 8 & 16** This is to My Father's glory, that you bear **much fruit, proving yourselves to be My disciples.** You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go **and bear fruit** and that your **fruit should abide**, so that whatever you ask **the Father in my name**, he may give it to you.

b. God isn't asking you just to be another religious adherent to moral dogma but to prove that you really believe in and follow the only true Messiah and God. We are to have the same relationship Jesus had with the Father.

c. Proving to be Jesus disciples simply means, as He was so you will be also, what He did you will do also, this brings credibility to the truth that Jesus really is God, since His followers do the same things, He did.

d. Don't think it strange when God calls you to stand on the edge of nothing, with only Jesus in your heart and everything to gain.

Conclusion: God wants each of us to be partner with Him to accomplish things that truly and undeniably bring glory to Him. Today look at every situation you are in, no matter how impossible as a moment for God to be glorified.