

“Next Level Faith” #2

Mark 11:20-26 “Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, ‘Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.’ 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. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.”

Intro:

- Jesus spoke to the fig tree, and within 24 hours it had dried up.
- Jesus also spoke to the wind and waves, and they calmed.
- Jesus spoke to a little girl who died, and she was raised.
- Jesus spoke to Lazarus who died, and he was resurrected.
- What am I saying, sometimes your faith will be challenged to speak to things, situations, disease, roadblocks, unproductive things and command those things to change.
- Jesus said, “I only do what I hear the Father do and say.”
- Did you know this is one of the things Jesus saw the Father do...
 - ***Romans 4:17 “God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”***
- This is the kind of faith God required of Abraham when things looked impossible for him and Sarah to conceive.
- God gave him a promise that his descendants would be like the sand of the sea in number, before he ever had one child.
- Abraham spoke what God promised to Him about his future, and it came to pass.
- Jesus did this too, and He taught His disciples to do the same.
 - Peter spoke to the lame man at the gate in Jerusalem, and said, ***“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus arise and walk.”***
- Your faith, God’s power, His and promises are the change agents.
- Time and time again, Jesus taught the disciples to call those things the be not, as though they were.
- What things in your life needs to go, and what blessings need to manifest?
 - Like this fig tree, or the mountain Jesus spoke about.
 - The fig tree was unproductive... the mountain is in the way.
- What unproductive mindset, thought, lie has taken root in your life?
- What word curse, doubt, lack, disappointment, betrayal, word curse continually hinders your progress?
- What unproductive condition, pain, sickness, disease has to go?

- Example: One day driving along in the car my wife spoke to arthritis...
- My wife had had enough of the pain.
- She said, “I don’t have to put up with this! My Heavenly
- Father doesn’t want this for me. Jesus, is my Healer! God is good, and has good things for me.
- She prayed, rebuked the arthritis, gave praise and thanks for the blood and stripes of Jesus...
- How many times do we just let unproductive hinderances remain?
- Jesus demonstrated to the disciples what the Father does!
- **Romans 4:17 “God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did.”**
- Today, I going to give you some spiritual tools for your spiritual tool belt!
- You do not realize how powerful your faith is, until you use it properly!

Let’s talk about... “Next Level Faith”

1. Next Level Faith Is Anchored In God And His Goodness.
 - a. God is so good that he will do things for you that defy logic!
 - i. **“Have faith in God.”**
 - b. He is so good that He will remove spiritual and physical barriers to bless you, make a way for you, connect you to His provision, healing, peace, grace!
 - i. **Matthew 19: 26 “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”**
 - c. This promise is not only about God’s power but His goodness toward you and me.
 - d. Next Level Faith Is Anchored In God And His Goodness
2. Next Level Faith Must Be Given A Voice For It To Be Effective
 - a. If I am convinced God is good, why would I give voice to doubt?
 - b. If I am convinced God is good, why would I put up with the voice of wounds from my past?
 - c. Like your Heavenly, who gives life to the dead, and calls those things that do not exist as though they did... command the wounds of the past to be healed... forgive, be cleansed, move on!
 - d. **“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea...’.**
 - e. Why not replace phrases, “I guess that just the way it will always be”, with “Things are going to change starting now!”
 - f. My wife spoke to the arthritis in Jesus Name, instead of putting up with it!
 - g. Jesus spoke to the unproductive fig tree, and it dried up!
 - h. What things in your life, thoughts, finances, relationships, health need to be spoke to in Jesus name?
 - i. Next Level Faith Must Be Given A Voice For It To Be Effective

3. Next Level Faith Must Be Rooted In Deep Conviction To Work
 - a. Since God is good, and His love is great my heart can be settled.
 - b. Since Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but not God's word", I can settle my heart conviction on His word.
 - c. ***"...And does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says."***
 - d. Doubt is like the unproductive fig tree! It must dry up and go!
 - e. The fruit of Next Level Faith is produced in the fertile soil of firm conviction that God is good all the time, and my heart is settled.
4. Next Level Faith Is Created In Fellowship & Prayer.
 - a. Walking with God is what we do as Christians
 - b. Fellowship in the Spirit who is with us always is our environment.
 - c. As we pray without ceasing, and live in His presence Next Level Faith emerges!
 - d. ***"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."***
 - e. It is your Fathers good pleasure to give His sons and daughters the kingdom and its transformational power in this world and life!
 - f. Paul prayed in the Spirit constantly, and with understanding.
 - g. Paul sang in the Spirit and with understanding.
 - h. We are to do the same, praying, singing, worshipping as we go.
 - i. When you walk with God like this, He imparts His faith!
 - j. Jesus actually said, ***"Have the faith of God"***
 - k. When you create an environment of the presence of God in your personal life, the Faith imparts His faith in you through the Spirit! THIS GIVES YOU BOLDNESS TO ASK, DECLARE!
 - l. Always remember, Next Level Faith Is Created In Fellowship & Prayer
5. Unforgiveness Will Greatly Hinder Your Miracle Working Faith
 - a. ***"Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses."***
 - b. One of the mountains that hinders precious Christians the most is "unforgiveness"
 - c. This destructive and unproductive toxic root must be rooted out
 - d. Here's how...
 - i. Jesus, you forgave me, so I forgive them.
 - ii. Jesus, I refuse to hold unforgiveness! I am free!
 - e. Keep praying and speaking forgiveness and God will remove the root!
 - f. Like the fig tree and the mountain unforgiveness will leave!

Concluding Thoughts:

- Next Level Faith will prevail as you live out these simple truths!
- Next Level Faith is your future, your reality, your destiny!

Declaration:

- Heavenly Father, thank you for teaching me about Next Level Faith!
- Thank you that I don't have to give in to doubt, fear, unbelief, unforgiveness!
- Thank you that I can have confidence that you love me & watch over me.
- I stand in faith and speak to the unproductive things to go, in Jesus Name!
- Thank you for your power heal me, provide for me, transform everything!
- Thank you that you have new levels of blessing, breakthroughs, and victories for me as I fellowship with you!
- I will receive greater faith today and every day.
- Thank you that you are for me and want your best for me!
- In the mighty name of Jesus I pray, Amen!"