



Mountains Will Move

Scripture: Matthew 17:14-21

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BOTTOM LINE: The power of God to move mountains in our life is available with even the smallest faith in Him.

Faith that Moves

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.

Mark 11:22-23

So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Luke 17:6

"The phrase about removing mountains was a quite common Jewish phrase. It was a regular, vivid phrase for removing difficulties." - Barclay

Human Weakness

14 And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." Matthew 17:14-16

- The disciples could not drive out the demon, even though they had been given power to do so (Matthew 10:8) and had on other occasions.
- They had access to what they needed but did not take advantage of it.
- *"If you put one atom of trust in yourself, you have no faith in Christ."* -Charles Spurgeon

Divine Power

17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Matthew 17:17-18

- The father of this boy faced something impossible but did not give up and brought his problem to Jesus.
- Jesus delivered the boy and commanded the spirit never to return to him.
- The impossible doesn't happen in our strength, we must rely on God.

Faith

19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. Matthew 17:19-20

- When we have faith we're placing our confidence, trust, and belief in who God is and how God works- despite not knowing the details.
- Faith opens the door to miracles (Matthew 8:13, Matthew 9:22, Matthew 9:29).
- *"Little faith can accomplish great things; but great faith can accomplish even greater things. What matters most is what our faith is in, the object of our faith."* - David Guzik
- *"Faith like a mustard seed is a living faith that is nurtured and caused to grow. Faith must be cultivated so that it grows and does even greater exploits for God."* – Warren Wiersbe
- *⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7*
- There is great power in even a little faith when God is with us.

Prayer and Fasting

However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."
Matthew 17:21

- Some things are not possible without prayer and fasting.
- Prayer is the key that unlocks and reveals faith.
- Prayer connects us to God and fasting disconnects us from the world.

3D Guide

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



1. What is mountain moving faith?
2. How can you grow your faith in the New Year?
3. What does the Bible teach us about the power of prayer and fasting? How can you make it a priority in the New Year?



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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that were studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.