

SPEAK TO THE MOUNTAIN

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Summary

Pastor Jaime teaches on prayer, moving from Mark 11's account of Jesus cursing the fig tree into Jesus' teaching on speaking to mountains. He distinguishes between prayer as ongoing communion with God and prayer as commanding authority once God's word on a matter is already settled — arguing that repeatedly begging God for something already promised can actually reveal unbelief rather than faith.

Top Points

1. **Prayer is communion first, not a wish list.** God created prayer for relationship and connection — not a transactional list of needs and petitions.
2. **There's a difference between asking and declaring.** Once God has already spoken a promise over something, the mature response is to speak/declare it, not keep re-asking as if He hasn't answered.
3. **Repetition can reveal doubt, not devotion.** Asking God for the same settled promise every single day may actually undercut faith rather than demonstrate it.
4. **Jesus modeled authoritative prayer.** He didn't ask the Father to remove the fig tree — He spoke directly to it. Believers carry that same authority through His name and word.
5. **Circumstances may not change immediately** — that's normal. The fig tree looked unchanged the moment Jesus spoke, but it was already settled; faith operates ahead of visible evidence.
6. **Doubt, fear, and worry contaminate faith.** The real issue often isn't a lack of faith but the presence of unaddressed fear — even mustard-seed faith is enough once doubt is dealt with.
7. Heaven reframed. He described heaven not as static or "boring church," but as life continuing.

Quotations

- *"I spoke it. I declared it. It's a done deal. I don't need to see it to believe it."*
- *"If you're asking God the same thing every single day... your prayer may not be doing [what you think]."*
- *"Some of us... are maybe focused on prayer like, well, I haven't gotten because I don't have enough faith... could it be that the doubt and the fear that you do have is contaminating the faith?"*

Actionable Takeaways

1. *Reorient prayer toward regular communion with God, not only petitioning.*
2. *When believing God for a promise:*
 - a. *Declare God's word confidently (speak to the "mountain").*
 - b. *Avoid repeated asking for the same promise; receive it in faith and give thanks.*
 - c. *Identify and actively remove fear, doubt, and worry that undermine faith.*
3. *Use specific scriptural declarations in prayer for personal situations (examples used: protection for travelers, blessed conception and pregnancy, fullness of quiver).*
4. *Exercise spiritual authority in everyday speech—correct, declare, and thank God for outcomes rather than entertain defeatist or fearful statements.*