

# Upside Down

The way up in the kingdom of God is down.

## Acts 17:1-6 NKJV

**1** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. **2** Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, **3** explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” **4** And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. **Assault on Jason’s House** **5** But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. **6** But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

From God’s perspective, the world is upside down. When He comes to our lives, He turns things right side up.

We were not called to go with the flow of the world but are instead a peculiar people, called out and separated into God. Our morals and values change. Our appetites and desires change. Our mindset and perspective change.

We discover in Him a whole new way of life in the kingdom.

As a follower of God, we should be turning our world upside down. What do your unsaved coworkers say about you? Your unsaved family? Unserved friends? Your school?

What do people say about you?

If we are too popular or liked then something is probably wrong. Jesus disturbed the status quo. We should be known as those who turn the world upside down.

What do we need to have on order to turn the world upside down?

## Mountain Moving Faith

### Mark 11:22-24 TPT

**22** Jesus replied, “Let the faith of God be in you! **23** Listen to the truth I speak to you: If someone says to this mountain with great faith and having no doubt, ‘Mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the midst of the sea,’ and believes that what he says will happen, it will be done. **24** This is the reason I urge you to boldly believe for whatever you ask for in prayer—believe that you have received it and it will be yours.

Jesus is not saying that we just act out and cast things away like toddlers throwing a fit.

Mountain moving faith is reserved for God’s will.

Mountain moving faith is an illustration for the kind of faith that cannot be stopped by anything it faces. Nothing is big enough to stop us when God is sending us and we are acting in His will.

### James 2:17-18 TPT

**17** So then faith that doesn’t involve action is phony. **18** But someone might object and say, “One person has faith and another person has works.” Go ahead then and prove to me that you have faith without works and I will show you faith by my works as proof that I believe.

### 1 John 5:4-5 TPT

**4** You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious

power that triumphs over the world. **5** So who are the world conquerors, defeating its power? Those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

## Holy Ghost Power

### Acts 1:8 TPT

But I promise you this—the Holy Spirit will come upon you and you will be filled with power. And you will be my messengers to Jerusalem, throughout Judea, the distant provinces—even to the remotest places on earth!”

You can not be born again without the power of the Holy Spirit. Then there is a second move of the Spirit that comes after.

The first wave of power turns you right side up. The second wave of power is so that you can turn the world upside down.

### Ephesians 1:19 TPT

I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God’s power made available to you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works through you!

### 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 TPT

**4** The message I preached and how I preached it was not an attempt to sway you with persuasive arguments but to prove to you the almighty power of God’s Holy Spirit. **5** For God intended that your faith not be established on man’s wisdom but by trusting in his almighty power.

We have mental power and spiritual power. The spiritual power of our inner man will empower us when our mental power fails.

## Agape Love

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God's kind of love

This is different than *eros* - sexual or romantic love - and *phileo* - brotherly or friendly love.

Agape is the love that flows from God and is available to His children. We can walk in and express this love (Romans 5:5).

This love enables us to love even those who do us wrong.

### **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 TPT**

**1** If I were to speak with eloquence in earth's many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn't express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. **2** And if I were to have the gift of prophecy with a profound understanding of God's hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing. **3** And if I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, and to offer my body to be burned as a martyr, without the pure motive of love, I would gain nothing of value. **4** Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one's achievements nor inflate its own importance. **5** Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. **6** Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. **7** Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes failure as defeat, for it never gives up. **8** Love never stops loving. It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues, which will one day fall silent. Love remains long after words of knowledge are forgotten. **9** Our present knowledge and our prophecies are but partial, **10** but when love's perfection arrives, the partial will fade away. **11** When I was a child, I spoke about childish matters, for I saw things like a child and reasoned like a child. But the day came when I matured, and I set aside my childish ways. **12** For now we see but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries as though reflected in a mirror, but one day we will see face-to-face. My

understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything, just as everything about me has been fully understood. **13** Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.