

Press Toward the Mark Mountain-moving Faith

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Foreword

The foundation of our total relationship with God and receiving the benefits of His kingdom is faith. To operate successfully within the kingdom of God, learn and follow helpful guidelines so that you will better understand the entire faith process.

Once enlightened by the truth of the glorious gospel that lies ahead within the following pages, I believe you will be challenged to demonstrate the God-kind of faith to a greater degree in any given circumstance. The more you rely on God's system of operations, the better results you will receive in every area of your life.

Mountain-moving faith is based on what God can do through you, and not what you think you can accomplish alone. It is not your own faith you release to move mountains. It is the faith God deposits in you that resolves the impossible. Your God-given faith has been designed to defeat every obstacle you face. It therefore helps you to have greater expectations for your life. Press toward the mark!

- "...all things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23.
 - "... for with God all things are possible," Mark 10:27.

Passionate Faith

The key to mountain-moving faith is to fervently exhibit unwavering confidence in God. The demonstration of that kind of faith must absolutely rest in God alone. To achieve excellence in faith, all other possible props are therefore removed.

The passion of mountain-moving faith is pure. Through scientific testing, the mustard seed has been proven to be a seed that is a purebred. Therefore, it cannot be mixed with other seeds or man-made props. The passion of mountain-moving faith is also sure. Your faith does not have to be big to tackle the impossible, but it must trust our great and mighty God to deliver what he promised.

For your faith to exhibit passion to remove mountains, it must be both pure in nature and sure of God. Jesus again uses the mustard seed to serve as an example to his disciples. "...For verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place: and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you," St. Matthew 17:20.

Where then is yonder place? Yonder place is where you are still able to see the mountain, but it is not in the way of you moving forward. In this case, the removed mountain serves as a memorial of your victory that helps you get through followed up attacks designed by the enemy. The passion of faith moves the mountain out of your way instead of just limiting God to help you climb it.

Although the mustard seed is the smallest of all seeds, it towers over all the rest reaching a maximum of 15 feet. The most significant feature is the acceleration of its growth. In fact, it only takes weeks to reach its full stature. The mustard seed's passion exhibits a speedy maturation process, not delays as often expected.

St. Matthew 13:31-32 supports this in this manner, "...The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in the field: which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof."

Potential Reached

Ecclesiastes 9:11, "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

The Lord has given us both time and opportunity to exercise our God-given faith. Do <u>not</u> be deceived. It doesn't matter how much time you may think you have left, mountainmoving faith can provide a way of escape. With pure and sure faith, you can effectively reach your God designed potential here and now.

Statistics reveal that most people only use 5% of their potential during their entire life span. That is quite alarming.

Be determined that you won't be among that number. The difference between success and failure depends on how your time is redeemed. If you want to succeed you will develop your God-kind of faith and use every opportunity presented to exercise faith in God. If you begin to raise your standard of belief, everything that was driving you to destruction can be turned around to lead you into an abundant life.

We often find that many get trapped with what seems impossible to them. Then they start wishing for something to change or just hoping for something to happen. Eventually, they end up surrendering without a fight, that is, the "good fight of faith" as the scripture defines it.

Because of that approach to impossibilities, countless millions never realize they have, and can, access what they need to win. They never really think victory can be obtained from that seemingly hard, dry, and hopeless place. They never clearly understand they were created in God's image and likeness to overcome any and every overwhelming, diabolical, decaying, tormenting, demonic obstacle in life.

Precious Moments, Precious Memories

The precious moments you use to develop your faith can be transformed into precious memories when exercised. You will find that faith is one of the most valuable assets in the kingdom of God. You can virtually begin with little or nothing and end up with the blessing of the Lord overtaking you to the point that there won't be enough room to receive it all.

Without a shadow of doubt, exercising faith in God will add great value to your life. When worth is attached to something, success will be in hot pursuit to associate with it. In other words you won't have to go looking for success, it will find you. If you want to have success in life, have faith in God.

I Peter 1:6-9 declares, "In this ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Having tried-out faith in God stores up treasure more valuable than the finest of gold. For example, when you use gold in exchange to purchase goods, you will find out very quickly that it is temporary, because it can be exhausted with one transaction. What you purchased may depreciate quickly and the amount remaining is therefore depleted because of the exchange.

On the other hand, when faith is exercised to acquire something of equal value, you will always have the same amount after the transaction. You can then go from one level of faith to the next level of faith in the applied area. With a firm foundation, you can advance to the next level. Therefore, faith in God will always bring you increase.

Preeminence of Motive

God has given "the measure of faith" to all mankind. However, not all mankind has given God credit for all the accomplishments and the accolades he receives from it.

In fact, some only believe in themselves or other natural resources to accomplish everything. This limits them to only what they can see or possess. Self-sufficiency will eventually deplete your own resources because there will always be limitations. If you choose to be "god" in your own life, there will be nothing left in your reserve to draw from when all the energy is spent.

You can rely on this truth. God is the self-existing One. If our sufficiency is of God, we will be hooked up to an endless power supply. Jesus tells his disciples to look beyond themselves and other people to find their ultimate source of help. "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God." St. Mark 11:22.

God is the rewarder of your faith and not men, so apply His accepted and proven standards to see His goodness in your life. "Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God." Romans 14:22. Having faith in God will drastically improve the results you receive because the Lord links you to His resources.

Your quality of life in any area will ultimately be determined by the standards you establish for yourself. Raise your standard of belief if you want to raise your standard of what you receive. Remove all the props you are leaning on and establish only pure and sure faith in God.

Pledge Allegiance

Jesus Christ already prepaid for all the kingdom of God benefits we can receive daily. Upon establishing the blood covenant with God, Jesus laid down his life as the collateral needed to secure our rights and privileges. He pledged allegiance to bring us salvation, healing, preservation, deliverance, wholeness, peace, and prosperity.

Romans 8:32 speaks of the completeness of Jesus' sacrifice and salvation's benefits. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give up all things?" I once heard one of my mentors paraphrase this verse in this way: "I gave you all heaven had to offer, why would I withhold anything from you on earth?"

The shed blood of Jesus Christ places a demand on your covenant with God to receive all His promises. Jesus Christ's sacrifice serves as full payment for all our debt so we can receive the full covenant benefits. Psalm 119:122, "Be surety for thy servant for good; let not the proud oppress me."

Until you are sure of your covenant relationship with God, you will not be sure of its contents. Psalm 103:2-5 outlines what is covered in the plan of salvation: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving

kindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

Cast all your cares on the Lord so the burden will be removed from you to God. Based on our bond with God through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, exercise faith to place a demand on your covenant promises. So instead of receiving the promise because you need it or want it, refocus your attention on receiving the promise because God wants you to have it.

Please know God wants you to experience all of His promises, more than you really want to receive them. (Read that sentence again out loud.) The burden of proof has already been established by the blood covenant on this wise: "It is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," as referenced in Luke 12:32.

No matter how big the mountain seems to be, it is fully covered. No matter how long it has been in the way, it is fully covered. No matter how terrifying it may seem, it is fully covered. No matter how experienced it is, it is covered. No matter how many mountains there are, they are fully covered. The demolition contract was executed by Jesus Christ over 2000 years ago. The contract covers it all, even the wreckage in your life.

Because of the blood covenant, mountains are only temporary. When you begin to understand that you possess the power and authority of the King of kings, your mountain-moving faith will make a highway for our God.

I Believe

I believe, I believe, like a grain of mustard seed All things are possible, nothing's impossible when you believe.

I believe, I believe, and by faith I receive All things are possible, nothing's impossible when you believe.

I believe, I believe, God supplies all my need All things are possible, nothing's impossible when you believe.

I believe, I believe, all it takes is God's Word in me All things are possible, nothing's impossible when you believe.

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Prayer to Receive Salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Dear Heavenly Father, I come before you to acknowledge my need for salvation. I repent of my sin and ask you to forgive me. I invite you to be my Savior and the Lord of my life. Romans 10:9 says, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." I believe that I am saved, right now. I believe that You have accepted me as I am. By the shed blood of Jesus Christ, I believe You have included me as the newest member in the heavenly family right now. I believe I receive all the benefits of salvation right now: forgive all my iniquities, heal all my diseases, redeem my life from destruction, crown me with loving kindness and tender mercies, and satisfy my mouth with good things so that my youth will be renewed like the eagles as Psalms 103:3-5 declares. I declare that there is absolutely nothing in my life that needs saving. I am saved to the uttermost.

Now that I am saved, I am an immediate candidate to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, as was experienced in Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Therefore I believe I receive the Holy Spirit right now. John 7:38 declares, "He that believeth on me (Jesus Christ), as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." I believe I am empowered to be an eyewitness as Acts 1:6 declares, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Thank you for salvation and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I believe I am brand new. II Corinthians 5:7 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

I salute you as the newest member of the body of Christ. This is the most important decision you will ever make in this life. Welcome to our family.

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Royal Authority: The Right Side of Righteousness vividly illustrates the conferred power and authority of Jesus Christ to believers to reign now in the earth. It inspires confidence that ensures its reader the right to master his God-ordained inheritance as a son and heir of God and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ.

The Royal Seed is a spin-off project based on Royal Authority: The Right Side of Righteousness. The cantata script can serve as a companion study guide in establishing your royal stance in the earth.

Pathway to Prosperity is taken from the book of Ruth. This wealth of revelation gives God's viewpoint on prospering his people. Overflowing with God's covenant benefits, you will receive a balanced picture of the Lord's passion to advance you in the earth. This book includes eight pages of scripture references that will help you to develop a scripture based lifestyle.

The Noah No One Has Ever Known: Seamless Connection with the Spirit of God gives insight into the adventure of Noah and his relationship with God Almighty. Bursting with scriptures that parallel the character, fruit, and power of the Spirit of God, this instructional proves that believers can demonstrate everything that God purposed for them. Other companion books include What if Noah Rocked the Boat? (ages 6-12) and Always Room for One More (newborns to kindergartners).

What if Noah Rocked the Boat? The imagination of a child will fade away quite early even prematurely if its fire is not kept rekindled. This book captures the mind and heart of its audience through indelible word pictures. What they image cultivates the length, breadth, height, and depth of their vision. Although they may have a multitude of fleeting thoughts or tend to dream on occasion, there is one lasting impression you will want them to embrace: each person has been fearfully and wonderfully created in the image and likeness of God. Juvenile book for ages 6-12.

Always Room for One More echoes God's unconditional love for the world, which includes just how special your little ones really are. To help them feel safe and secure and satisfy their sense of belonging, the story line invites them to become a part of God's family. It uniquely combines both education and enjoyment. There are both rhyme and reason to Always Room for One More. There are references made to colors, shapes, sizes, and numbers throughout. Full-color pictures are present throughout with the use of animal pairs. You will also find word pictures to spark your child's vivid imagination, an inventor's greatest tool. Always Room for One More is so complete that all you need to add to this story is animation, your voice for your listening audience. Personalized and universal copies and an audiobook available. Companion CD Single produced by Kaleidisc International.

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God deposited volumes in Adam's heart although they were found in only two verses of scripture. *Concise*.

God revealed both sides of the story so that Adam intimately knew the Lord and was forewarned of the enemy. *Comprehensive.*

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