
Mountain-Moving Faith

It is important for you as a believer to realize that God has given you the power and ability to operate in the God kind of faith. God's will for you is that you be delivered from this present evil world (Galatians 1:4).

He does not want you to live subject to its beggarly elements. As you act on God's Word, you will release the power of God within you, that mountain-moving faith, to bring victory for you over the circumstances of life.

"Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have aught against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." (Mark 11:22-26)

The Translator's New Testament says, "If anyone says to this mountain, 'Be carried away and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is happening, then it will happen for him" (Mark 11:23). Believing you receive is believing that it is happening for you now!

The purpose of mountain-moving faith is to remove the things which come into our lives to hinder us spiritually, mentally, financially or physically. Some people believe that this promise only pertains to spiritual mountains.

However, in Matthew 21:21, Jesus used faith-filled words to cause a fig tree to wither from the roots and die. That was natural, not spiritual.

In Mark 11:22-26, Jesus said, "whosoever," so this is for the believer, not just for the minister or someone with some kind of special calling. You have the potential to operate in the same faith that I have. He also said, "When you stand praying, forgive." Operating in mountain-moving faith is dependent upon operating in forgiveness. Faith pleases God, but faith works by love (Galatians 5:6).

It is impossible to please God and to hold something in your heart against someone at the same time. You forgive because you choose to forgive and because it pleases God, not because you feel like doing it.

Believing You Receive

Mountain-moving faith is centered around believing you receive (believing it is happening for you now!). There is more to believing you receive than just having someone lay hands on you and saying, "I believe I receive."

Some people will have others pray in faith, but will not put themselves into it enough to really receive anything from God. It takes effort and commitment to the Word of God to walk in this kind of faith.

In order to believe you receive, you must establish in your heart that the Word of God is true. You need a standard, something that will put you in agreement with God. The miracle you need is already inside of you because God is in you. All you need is to find the key that will open the door and release it. The key is getting your spirit, soul and body in agreement with the Word.

You Are a Triune Being

You are a spirit. You have a soul, which consists of your mind, your will and your emotions. And, you live in a body. Each area has a specific role to play in believing you receive.

Each area of your being produces a specific type of strength. As your body is nourished with food, it produces physical strength. Your soul produces willpower as you feed your mind intellectually.

Your spirit produces a spiritual force called "faith." It must be nourished with spiritual food-the Word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

God made you a spirit-being which gave you the ability to have dominion over the natural realm. When you begin to use your faith to move a mountain in your life, you must begin with a spiritual foundation on the Word of God.

At the new birth, your spirit receives the faith of God and the nature of God. You do not have to be concerned about your spirit believing the Word. It is born of God and it assimilates spiritual food and produces faith.

Jesus said, "My words are spirit and they are life." Basing your faith on the Word of God is the spiritual aspect of believing you receive.

The Word Is Your Foundation

The Word of God is your foundation. Most of the time, when you pray, you can still see the mountain or feel the pain in your body. The Word is the only thing solid enough to stand on when opposition comes your way.

First John 5:14-15 says, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." God's Word is His will.

First John 3:22 says that we receive whatever we ask of Him because we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight. We receive our petition when we pray in line with His Word.

Anchoring the Soul

The Word of God must also affect your mind, your will and your emotions. Your aim is to cause your soul to work in harmony with your spirit. By doing so, you will open the floodgates of the power of the Holy Spirit within you. It will cause a change to come in your physical body and your natural circumstances.

The participation of your soul in believing you receive involves hope. Your mind must have an image to focus upon. Hebrews 11:1 says that faith is the substance of things hoped for. Hope is a vital part of this scripture. It is the goal setter. Hebrews 6:19 says that hope is the anchor of the soul.

Without that anchor, the faith of God which is in you cannot be channeled in a specific direction.

Hope is the blueprint, or inner image of the mountain being removed. You need a clear, strong picture on the inside built on the promises of God because hope is the plan that your faith will bring to pass. If it isn't clear, faith cannot produce it. If it isn't strong it won't hold as an anchor. The image begins in the mind.

After meditating in the Word, it will form in your spirit. As you confess the Word your hope is built on, it builds and takes root in your heart with more and more strength. From that abundance, faith will flow and bring good things to pass (Matthew 12:34).

It takes meditation in the Word - seeing it, writing it, hearing it, speaking it - to change your inner image. God gave you an imagination so that you could paint an image of the Word on the canvas of your mind. That mental picture forms the good treasure of your heart. Out of that good treasure, you will bring good things to pass.

Faith Is an Action

The last area to get involved in, in believing that you receive, is the body. The body always wants to be first, but you must get your spirit and soul in their proper places first. You must be in the Word.

Your soul must be anchored with an inner image of the Word. Then, you must act on the Word. James 2:17 says, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." Works in this scripture means "corresponding action."

If your spirit and soul believe the Word, but you do not act accordingly, your faith will not come to completion. Your physical body will do whatever it is trained to do. If you have an inner image of the Word of God and you are speaking it in faith from your spirit, but you are acting contrary to what you are saying, you will hinder your faith.

You must train your body to follow the Word of God. If you are believing for healing in your body, do something that you could not do before! Act on what you believe. Begin to act like the Word is true.

Believing you receive is your spirit, your soul and your body working together in harmony with the Word of God, giving the Spirit of God the opportunity to bring it to pass in your life.

Reach out in faith today. Believe "it is happening for you now." Allow the mountain-moving faith, the God kind of faith within you to change your circumstances as well as your life! Glory to God!

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