**Don’t Speak *About* Your Mountain!**

**Speak *To* Your Mountain!**

**Mark 11:22-24**

Part II

**How do I transform my life into what God wants it to be?**

In the verses of scripture proceeding verses 22, Jesus finds himself speaking to a fig tree. He was upset, at the appearance of the tree it seemed to have fruit but Jesus uncovered the leaves only to find no fruit. He spoke to the tree and cursed it. Later, Peter finds this tree has withered up and died. Jesus used this as a teaching moment. In verse 22 Jesus tells the disciples “Have faith in God constantly.” You are to believe in God every moment of every day. Jesus continues on to teach the disciples to speak to the mountain just as He had spoken to the fig tree. In this life God does not promise us a life without a mountain; there will be obstacles you must overcome. If you physically came to a mountain you know and understand in order for you to get to the other side it will take some effort on your part. You will need some tools to assist you with getting to the other side but before you even begin to prepare to climb this mountain you make a conscious decision to climb. It all begins with a thought and you believe or have faith that you will be able to accomplish the very thing you have set out to do. You say to yourself, “I am going to climb this mountain.” You have made the decision you are going to get to the other side. This is the same concept in our spiritual lives. At some point in life you come to your mountain and you have a decision to make. You are going to get to the other side…to Heaven! You make the decision to obtain the life that Jesus lived and died so you can have. The same life Jesus promised in John 10:10, a life of abundance and to see all the promises of God come to reality for you and those you care about. You come to the realization that you alone are not equipped with the right tools to help you successfully climb this mountain called life.

Think back over your past week. How many things have you found yourself complaining about? Have you allowed the things that God has given to you to have authority over you? Don’t speak about your mountains speak to your mountains! You can seek out faith filled people to pray for you but somethings cannot be moved unless you put your faith in your mouth and speak to your mountain. It has been proven scientifically that you believe more of what you hear yourself say than what other people say. So not only does speaking the word of God move the spiritual realm but hearing yourself speak the word strengthens your beliefs or your faith. Stop accepting your current situation or your past experiences don’t all them to convince you that things are not going to change. Over on the other side of that mountain is the next level of your life, over on the other side of that mountain is promotion! There is a yearning on the inside telling you there is something more to life than your current circumstances. Don’t resist the Holy Spirit!

**Go to mountain speaking school!**

You don’t know how to naturally speak to our mountains. You cannot begin to speak to our mountains until you first have faith and believe in God, His Son and His Word. You then must begin to study to know who you are in Christ. When you understand and know this, then you can speak to your mountain from a place of authority and confidence. You speak not in your own authority but with the authority granted to you by Christ. Your confidence is in knowing He has already accomplished and finished the great works of God and this gives you full access to all of God’s promises. In these scriptures you don’t see Jesus pleading with the fig tree…Jesus said with authority and confidence “From this point on no one will ever eat fruit from you!” The fig tree probably didn’t believe Jesus…it probably said “Please, I still have my leaves” like you may have found yourself saying at some point that you can still handle life on your own, because you don’t truly believe the Word of God. You say to yourself, “I got this!” Many times you have deceived yourself because you won’t acknowledge the problem. You won’t get to the root of the issue. There is no dialogue or conversation between you and God. A conversation cannot be had unless there is true listening and truthful speaking. Once Jesus spoke the fate of this fig tree it began to die beginning at the root. When Jesus speaks to areas of your life that are not bearing any fruit, He will remove it by getting to the root. If there is no fruit in your life God is not pleased! Fruit is displayed outwardly but is a direct outcome of what’s happening inwardly or on the inside of us. Like in the case of the fig tree, in order for it to have the appearance of having fruit something internally had gone wrong. What areas does God need to examine in your life? What areas are you not bearing fruit? Let the Word of God come in and clean you up. God tells us in **Isaiah 55:11** that His Word will not return unto Him void but will accomplish His will. It will prosper unlike the fig tree it’s not an imposter but the real thing. When He speaks it will be done! Remind yourself that Satan has no power or authority over you but you have power and dominion over him through the shed blood of Christ. You have access to all of Jesus’ power, all of His authority and all of His dominion. Satan only has the appearance of power, in **Psalm 23** it speaks of Satan’s power. It puts it this way; Yea though I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. A shadow has no ability to harm you. If you study shadows you will find and understand that shadows cannot exist without light (Christ) it is when these light and darkness come together that a shadow is created. Let’s say one of your neighbors has a Rottweiler chained in his front yard. You decide one afternoon you are going to go for a walk. As you approach his home you notice the dog’s shadow. Are you going to be afraid? No! There is no need to be afraid because you know the dog is chained on a leash. Same with Satan, God has him on a leash! He can’t harm you. You are a child of the Most High God!

**Look beyond your circumstances!**

Often times Satan will try to use our circumstances to distract us to move from our position of faith in God. He will try to agitate the situation. Often, things will have the appearance of becoming worse. This is Satan’s strategy to get you to respond out of fear instead of in faith. God wants to use the fear to propel you to the next level and Satan wants to use fear to paralyze you. He wants to stop you from fulfilling God’s purpose for your life and he wants to steal your joy in the process. Learn to deal with your fears! Make the decision to allow your fears to propel you. Why is it you find yourself strong and mighty when it’s something you want to do a thing but you become wimpy when it comes to dealing with your issues. You rationalize and procrastinate your way out of dealing with it. You must understand the words that you speak shape and mold the outcome you receive. If you speak negative words, negative situations will come find you. If you speak positive words, positive situations will come find you. You must realize the importance your words have on shaping and molding your life. When God formed the world He spoke it into existence. God’s law is that the unseen spoken word creates the physical world. Understand this; what you say comes back to you. (**Romans 4:17**) Jesus spoke to the tree and cursed it before it was seen in reality. The change to the tree began immediately after Jesus’ words were spoken but the manifestation, what was visible to Peter was evident after time passed. Your situation changes over time. Until then you are to call those things into existence and know in your heart and spirit things have begun to shift and change. Do not judge based on your five senses; see, smell, taste, touch and hear. **I can because God says I can!**

**Barriers.**

If I am travelling down a road and I come to a brick wall my mind says I can’t go any further. If I change my position and I go to higher ground and then I am able to see if I travel 4 miles I will be able to go around the brick wall. What has happened? The barrier is still there. It has not moved. What changed? My perspective changed. I now can see that continuing on my journey is still possible. If coming to church is all about what God is going to do for you, sorry! You have the wrong perspective; it’s not all about you! It’s about you being available to be used by God and the body of Christ to help others receive His unfailing Love. In order to learn a different language you must use the Rosetta Stone approach. Rosetta Stone uses repetition and speaking. It’s not what you do one time that will have an impact on your life you must compound your time with God. If you only attend church on Sundays you are not receiving the full benefits as someone who attends Wednesday night Bible Study. The more time you spend with God the more your roots will change.

**Mountains.**

If you don’t take the time to learn how to speak to your mountains then your mountains won’t move. Your mountains will be like, “Excuse me!” your mountain doesn’t understand the language you’re speaking. Don’t focus so much on the fact that you have a mountain you’re facing but focus on the facts. God will use your mountains to build your faith and strengthen you. Don’t allow your mountains to keep you from who God has created you to be. Speak from your authority in Christ. Praise God, He will do it! Resist from doing it yourself; you have to do it with God. Your name alone will not get you access but Jesus’ name will. Jesus wants you to be able to move your mountain; He died not to remove your problems but to give a solution to your problems, with Christ all things are possible (**Mark 10:23; Matthew 19:23; Matthew 19:26)**

**You and Christ can move your mountain!**