

## MOUNTAIN BE MOVED

Have you ever believed God for something and it didn't happen? For what seemed like forever you prayed, quoted scriptures, and cried out to God for your change—the manifestation of your dream. After exhausting yourself, you decided that God said no and you even found a scripture to support His answer.

As a student, and now a teacher of how to manifest miracles, I had to learn the hard way that praying, fasting, quoting scriptures, and crying wasn't enough. If I wanted the mountain to move, I had to do more.

For years, I heard ministers say, “You have to rebuke that thing in the name of Jesus.” I would closely watch ministers as they would grab the anointing oil, and on behalf of their ailing patient, they would spit, growl, and roar at the sickness, addiction, naughty spouse, or disobedient child. I must confess that although I didn't see any results, I started to do the same thing. All I knew at the time was what I had been taught—that the mountain was some force outside of me and others trying to get us off track and destroy our lives.

Like most Christians, I thought that the situations, people, addictions, and physical ailments were a part of some movement to stop us from living our life's purpose. In other words, the devil was showing up in different forms and through different people. And he had to be stopped!

It wasn't until I began examining why Jesus got results and we didn't that I realized that the mountain isn't what we think it is. Upon closer examination of the scriptures for myself, I realized that I was rebuking the wrong thing. Through what I know to be God's revelation, it was clear that there are perceived mountains and then there are mountains. Unfortunately, we don't know the difference, therefore, our miracle never manifests.

Let me give you an example. As a child growing up, I knew I wanted to be a television talk show host. I didn't pursue it in college because fear silenced my desire. Fear is a mountain. I would say to myself, I didn't know anyone in the business. That is a perceived mountain. I didn't know how to travel in New York by myself. That is a perceived mountain. Although I later pursued and became a television talk show host, I moved the mountain by *believing* and *acting* on what I knew God had purposed for my life.

Mountains aren't situations, people, addictions or illnesses. Jesus' question to all who desired a mountain to be moved was “Do you believe?” He didn't ask what the problem was. He said, “DO YOU BELIEVE?” In that instant, the belief of the person, not Jesus' belief, created change.

The people that we invite into our lives and the situations that we create are our teachers. These people and situations are not mountains that we need to rebuke; they are what we need to strengthen our belief so that we can move the mountain. We must learn to handle

them with love and respect. Once we learn what they are to teach us, the mountain will be removed, cast into the sea.

If you want to move the mountain out of your life, here are three easy steps to follow.

1. **Check your beliefs.** Evaluate what you believe about God, yourself, your life, and the people who are a part of your life. Your checkup will reveal that the only mountain hindering you—is you!

2. **Know that the world isn't against you.** We engulf ourselves in self-pity and then say that the world is against us. God didn't "call" you and then set forces in motion to destroy you. He loves you and wants you to overcome the challenges that you have created for yourself. He simply wants you to admit your faults and seek spiritual solutions to your challenges.

3. **Grow.** Spirit is a life energy force that is constantly moving. Give yourself permission to flow with it regardless of which way it is going. Learn to trust that although you may not be going in the direction that you intended to go, by moving in the spirit, you'll be moving in the right direction. Embrace the new experience fearlessly and without judgment. When you are thinking and feeling negative emotions, which shut off the flow of God's infinite wisdom and love, move the mountain by "rebuking yourself in the name of Jesus!"

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