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Faith Speaks To The Mountain #2
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A short exhortation was given regarding finances, because sometimes finances can be a challenge to believers. God wants to prosper us and bless us, He is for us, wanting the best for us. Those blessings are a result of our seeking Him and putting Him first in our lives, listening to His voice with obedience. He puts us in a place called stewardship, He allows or proves us to see if we will be good stewards, a good steward has the ability to give increase with what God has blessed them with. Matthew chapter 25 gives the story of three men who were put in a position to receive from God, how they handled what had been given to them and what they received as a result of their obedience. Two of the men were able to realize an increase, and received the same reward, but the third one received nothing because of how he had handled what was given to him and what he had received was taken away. God owns everything but gives us the opportunity to be good stewards of what He has given to us.

Deut 8:18 "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day." KJV

He wants to see us with increase, He gives seed for us to plant and He will multiply what has been given to us.

2 Cor 9:10 "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;" KJV

God has stored up for those who fear and worship Him, the character of God is to get blessings to us. God loves us extravagantly, He wants to give us all that He has, He doesn't love just to get something from us but to give to us.

Psa 31:19 "Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!" KJV

Psa 31:19 "What a stack of blessing you have piled up for those who worship you, Ready and waiting for all who run to you to escape an unkind world. You hide them safely away from the opposition. As you slam the door on those oily, mocking faces, you silence the poisonous gossip. Blessed God! His love is the wonder of the world. Trapped by a siege, I panicked. "Out of sight, out of mind," I said. But you heard me say it, you heard and listened" MSG

Psa 31:19 "How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world." NLT

Eph 5:2 "Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that." MSG

As we begin to understand how much God loves us and wants to bless us, we must learn how to receive from Him. This is where our faith comes into being, learning to trust God that what He has promised He is faithful to do. We know that without faith it is impossible to please Him, and that our faith comes from hearing and hearing by the word of God. We have to believe that God is who He says He is and that He rewards those who diligently seek him, we must have corresponding actions and put those actions into motion, in order to receive what has been promised. Each of us have been given a measure of faith when we were born again, we must awaken that measure of faith, by hearing what Jesus has spoken to us through His word.

Heb 11:6 "By an act of faith, Enoch skipped death completely. "They looked all over and couldn't find him because God had taken him." We know on the basis of reliable testimony that before he was taken "he pleased God." It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists *and* that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him." MSG

Heb 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *believe that he is*, and that *he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*" KJV

Rom 12:3 "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." KJV

Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." KJV

Gods character is two-fold, that He quickens the dead and calls those things that are not as though they were. God cares for us and He is going to help us today.

Rom 4:17-18 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." KJV

The following is the foundation scriptures that we have been learning from explains how we need to have faith in God or the God kind of faith. The mankind of faith or sense knowledge faith does not believe until it can be seen, touched or felt. The apostle Thomas couldn't believe until he saw the evidence of what had happened to Jesus, the nail prints in his hands or the wound in his side. Jesus told him not to be faithless but only believe.

Jesus began to teach His disciples about the God kind of faith, saying what needed to happen, not doubting, but believing that what had been said would happen. Verse 23 is the responsibility of everyone hearing, not just for a few people, but for all believers. Saying, no doubting, only believing and receiving the promise. We are to say to the mountain or problem that we are facing, and not be talking about the mountain or problem. When we are talking about the mountain, we are only making the mountain larger in some instances, by not telling the mountain to be removed we are not speaking the God kind of faith to the situation. Faith is learning to believe.

Mark 11:22-24 "And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 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. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." KJV

* say or speak with authority

**saith is a building word, a systematic course or journey that is set and continues, don't just say one time, don't quit because of seeing no results

The entire 4th chapter of Romans is telling about the promise that had been given to Abraham, who learned that God was faithful, that what had been promised would come to pass, regardless of the circumstances or the time of his and Sarah's life. God would be able to quicken their bodies and make whatever was required to bring about the promise, that had been made 24 years prior to the birth of their son. Earlier in the book of Genesis, their names had been changed, and each time Abraham was mentioned, he was being called "father" of many nations. In the natural, everything looked hopeless, but Abraham continued to believe God knowing that He couldn't lie and that he would be a father to multitudes of people. *Hope is a wonderful thing, but is always in

the future.

Rom 4:16-18 "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against *hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be." KJV

Rom 4:18 "We call Abraham "father" not because he got God's attention by living like a saint, but because God made something out of Abraham when he was a nobody. Isn't that what we've always read in Scripture, God saying to Abraham, "I set you up as father of many peoples"? Abraham was first named "father" and then *became* a father because he dared to trust God to do what only God could do: raise the dead to life, with a word make something out of nothing. When everything was hopeless, Abraham believed anyway, deciding to live not on the basis of what he saw he couldn't do but on what God said he would do. And so he was made father of a multitude of peoples. God himself said to him, "You're going to have a big family, Abraham!" MSG

The story that we have been following in this scripture tells us about Jairus coming to Jesus, telling him that his daughter was dying, would Jesus come pray for her? As they were on the way to his house, the woman with the issue of blood confronted them. Jesus takes the time to minister to her, she is healed and then they continue on to the house of Jairus, Jesus prayed for the daughter and she was raised up. There was opportunity for Jairus to become concerned that someone else had been given favor and her need put in front of his, but Jesus told him to hold on and continue to believe. Sometimes as believers we may have this same feeling that others get to God before we do, we have no favor, but we too need to hold on and continue to believe.

The woman had stepped out on faith because of hearing about Jesus and the things that had been happening, her words were "if I can touch his garment, I shall be whole", she knew that she could be in serious trouble for even being outside in a crowd because of her condition, but she also knew that things were bad and weren't getting any better, her only hope was in Jesus healing her. She had pushed through the crowd and touched Him, He realized that He had been touched even with all the crowd around, she admitted that it was her and Jesus after confronting her, told her to go in peace, that it was her faith that had made her whole.

Mark 5:25-34 "And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. 28 For **she said**, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, *Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in *peace, and be whole of thy plague.*" KJV

*peace meaning nothing broken, nothing missing, meaning total restoration, taking a risk

Mark 5:34 "Jesus said to her, "Daughter, you took a risk of faith, and now you're healed and whole. Live well, live blessed! Be healed of your plague."MSG

The mustard seed is very small and is very dry, but there is life in it. However, when planted it will begin to grow, much like our faith. Many will say that you only need a small amount of faith, but sometimes that small amount is not enough, to be able to receive great things, you must have

great faith. Mustard seed faith is growing faith, you must say to the mountain, not talk about the mountain. There is nothing impossible to you if you can just find a promise in the word where revelation knowledge comes and goes beyond sense knowledge, it goes beyond religion and the Pharisees concept, they came only to be critical of what He preached but they received nothing from Him.

Matt 17:20 "And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: 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." KJV

Circumstances are subject to change, God is not a respecter of persons, what He has done for one, He will do for another. God's word is unchangeable. Faith does seem like a risk at times when we are believing God. Just keep on believing. God has vast resources of blessings stored up for the believers. God's people have not locked into the fullness of the blessings of God, we access them by faith.

Rom 12:1-2 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." KJV