

How You Can 'Speak to the Mountain' and Receive Kingdom Victory

I recently watched John Tesh on a PBS special, and again on TBN's *Huckabee*, in which he shared his amazing story of healing and deliverance from a deadly diagnosis. Even after aggressive treatments the doctors gave little hope of recovery and predicted a short time to live. But he and His believing wife, Connie, turned to God to do what the doctors could not do. They were at war for his very life and had to put on the armor of God, raise their shields of faith and use the weapon of the Word of God, the sword of the Spirit. They were thrust into a war they did not choose, but had to fight anyway.

Among the Scriptures God used were these words spoken by Jesus:

"For truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says" (Mark 11:23).

Their mountain seemed impossible to move; but using other Scriptures and working in conjunction with the Holy Spirit, they fought the battle and came out victorious. The death sentence was reversed. Their test became a testimony.

The Bible says, "death and life are in the power of the tongue" (see Prov. 18:21a). Words are powerful. The old saying, "Sticks and stones will break my bones, but words will never harm me" is simply not true. Words can build up; encourage; bring love, hope and confidence; and can also demolish a person's self-esteem, leaving them shattered and unproductive. Jesus said we will give an account for every idle word we speak (see Matt. 12:36). "Idle" here meaning

“having no productive effect” or “good fruit.”

We live in a world where words are plentiful. There is no lack of them: good or bad, positive or negative. Whether it's radio, television, movies, telephones, gatherings or social media, everybody's talking. Words carry weight. They influence our surroundings. What kind of influence are we?

Jesus also said, “if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them” (Matt. 18:19b). He's talking about the power of agreement, and we refer to this concerning united prayer. However, if you recall what the Bible says in Genesis concerning the Tower of Babel, God's concern was their “agreement” for the wrong motive, so He confused their language.

There exists the accuser of the brethren (see Rev. 12:9-11) and the one who is the intercessor for the brethren (Rom. 8:34). Where do you stand? Do you agree with the accuser or the intercessor? Do you bless or curse? Do you criticize or speak faith and hope? What direction are your words headed? As believers, our words carry life and death. Are we speaking life?

We are seeing a global war for the human race unfold before our very eyes: the spiritual war against the invisible forces of evil that enslave men's souls and the pandemic war unleashed against us by a microscopic virus currently killing thousands. We are seeing the physical results of the virus, and our nation along with other nations is battling against it with every natural resource we have. Its effect is far-reaching. No one is immune, and it has infiltrated every aspect of our lives. It seems like an overwhelming foe. How do we fight this? We fight the same way God commanded in His Word. We are not in this battle alone. Not as individuals, not as a nation and not as a planet. God has not forsaken us, nor will He ever.

Paul reminds us in Romans 8:26-27 that the Spirit makes intercession for us and helps us when we don't know how to pray. Praying in the Spirit (Eph. 6:18) ensures our praying the will of God. Speaking His will into the atmosphere will carry His authority and establish His kingdom. Will you do it? If not you, who? If not now, when?

So, what is the mountain you are facing? Is it fear? Uncertainty? Illness? Financial pressures? Put on your armor, take up your shield, use the sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God) and speak to the mountain. Speak to the mountain! Do not doubt! Believe in your heart! You shall have what you say, because King Jesus said so.

Prayer Power for the Week of March 29, 2020

This week, take your place in this invisible war and pray in the Spirit for God's will to be done in our midst. Ask the Lord for supernatural wisdom for our president and all those working with him to ensure health, safety and provision for our nation. Continue praying for worldwide revival. Maintain an attitude of gratitude and praise God that He will never leave or forsake you and your loved ones. Thank Him that nothing is impossible to Him, and He is all-knowing and will reveal the solution to what appears overwhelming to many. With God, all things are possible. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14, Matthew 12:26, Romans 8:34, Ephesians 6:18.