

# Faith Series: How do you Move a Mountain?

*(Zechariah 4:6-10a NKJV) "So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. {7} 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" {8} Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: {9} "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. {10} For who has despised the day of small things?"'"*

## EXPECTATIONS

We do not always live at the top of our expectations. Are there mountains in your life today?

### Point 1.

**You can live in the shadow of a mountain...  
and never see the green pastures on the other side.**

- We can have limited expectations far below our potential.
- We can accept and live with partly-fulfilled dreams and visions.
- We can believe it is OK to live with inconvenience, trouble, fears, feelings, disillusionment and disappointment.
- All these things become mountains that cast shadows on how we live. We can easily think that living in a shadow is normal and the way it has to be. We fail to recognize the mountain, even as we live in its shadow.

### Point 2.

**You must be aware that there is a mountain.**

## Thieves of your Awareness

Hardened heart	Failure to submit to God and to
Spirit of defeat	value His spiritual authorities
Spirit of failure	= failure to hear His voice (at
Spirit of low self-esteem	least some of the time).

Awareness is light. The thief wants to steal your light so you have to live in shadows.

*(Matthew 17:14-20 NKJV) “And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, {15} “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. {16} “So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” {17} Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” {18} And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. {19} Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” {20} So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.”*

### Applied Faith

1. Faith must be applied like a “mustard seed.” → →  
It may seem like little but it has great potential!
2. Faith must be applied as a spoken word – an audible declaration.  
Faith must be applied to a specific target!

It may seem like little in quantity compared to what it is applied to, but it has great potential!

**Point 3.**  
**You must speak to *your* mountain!**

3. The mountain you cannot see will block your path! (You cannot apply faith to the barrier you are unaware of.)  
Identifying your faith-targets must be a matter of every-day routine. Let spiritual awareness/discernment be part of your daily lifestyle.

#### Speak to the spiritual barrier first.

(What you cannot see with your natural eyes)

*(2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV) “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds”*

Your spiritual barrier may appear to have a form other than some little demon or big principality or power.

Begin with your declaration to move that spiritual mountain! Discern it. Then, speak to it.



Demons are not your mountain. They have already been flattened! Just keep your foot on their faces! Your weapons are mighty to pull down strongholds.

## David and Goliath

*(1 Samuel 17:22-26 NKJV) “And David left his supplies in the hand of the supply keeper, ran to the army, and came and greeted his brothers. {23} Then as he talked with them, there was the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, coming up from the armies of the Philistines; and he spoke according to the same words. So David heard them. {24} And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid. {25} So the men of Israel said, “Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel.”” {26} Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, “What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?””*



Goliath

David went to the ridgeline to feed his brothers. He became aware of the mountain whose name was Goliath. David took action. He made his voice known.

**With awareness there must come a voice – your voice.**

*(1 Samuel 17:32 NKJV) “Then **David said to Saul**, “Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.”*

*(1 Samuel 17:34-37a NKJV) “But **David said to Saul**, “Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, {35} I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it. {36} “Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.” {37} Moreover David said, “The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.””*



## After you speak to the spiritual barrier, start talking to the natural barrier! Speak to your mountain!

(Speak to what you can see with your natural eyes.)

1. **Never listen to the threats, confusion, loud noise or intimidation that comes from the mountain.** The bigger they are, the harder they fall!
2. Make the mountain your target. Put it on notice! David went into the valley and had something to say to Goliath.

*(1 Samuel 17:45 NKJV) "Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."*

3. When the mountain starts to threaten, do as David did. Respond with a statement to put things in proper perspective.

*(1 Samuel 17:46, 47 NKJV) "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. {47} Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands.""*

4. Believe what you say! Every valley shall be filled and every mountain brought low!

*(Luke 3:5 NKJV) "Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth;"*

### Four-fold faith declaration

*I am special to God. My work is God's Work.  
Others' may fight against me, but they shall not prevail. God will perform His Word.*

Your voice may seem small to you, but mix it with even small faith and you can move large mountains.

**Speak about your mountain with spiritual words.  
Any other words are empty words.**

**Proper Perspective**  
**Notice the sequence**

1. The Lord will...
2. I will...

- There were more than just a bunch of frightened men listening to the words David spoke to the giant. Satan heard them. Demons heard them. David heard them as he spoke! Most importantly, God heard his words.
- The minute David began to prophesy to his mountain, something started to happen.
- Speak to your mountain. You are God's warrior. Speak to your mountain. You are God's winner. Prophesy to it!

David said to his mountain, *"Let me prophesy to you, I am going to take your ugly head off!"*

The difference between David and the rest of Saul's soldiers was that he had an awareness of the true nature of the mountain... and he had a faith-filled voice!

Goliath was a mountain of trouble. All but one Israelite felt his cold shadow and surrendered. They resigned themselves to it. Only David reached out of the shadow into the light, and by faith, took hold of his victory. God is looking for a few faith-filled men and women to kill some giants!

- Take what is in your hand. God will provide.
- Remember: Specific target, accurate aim.
- Disarm the enemy and cut his head off.
- David had no fear because he knew the mountain was in God's control. The battle belonged to the Lord. (Vs. 47)
- Do your best. God will do the rest.

### **There is more than one way to move a mountain.**

It always takes faith, but not always five smooth stones. Some mountains do not fall with one shot from a sling. Israel walked around the walls of Jericho lots of times before the walls fell. Joshua and the people of Israel walked that particular mountain flat, one step at a time. They walked in faith and could see no progress until the final shout! Then, the walls fell flat! What was required for that particular mountain to fall?

1. Trust - walking one step at a time, one step after another!
2. Perseverance - one step at a time, one step after another! →

Live at the top of your expectations. God is going to perform His Word. (Jeremiah 1:12)

***You walk it out one step at a time and then suddenly...***

***God is a "suddenly God!"***

## Sometimes we try to move a mountain with dynamite when it requires a teaspoon.

### First Example

When looking for coal in an open pit, you blast the coal to as many pieces as you want. However, when mining fine marble from a quarry, carefully control how you separate the marble from its mountain.

**The principle: Use the right amount of power with the right kind of tools.**

### Second Example

A person who sees people starving in a town full of steel mills. He decides to bake bread. So he goes to one of the steel mills and throws the dough into a blast furnace.

**Too much of the wrong amount of power accomplishes nothing.**

#### Point 4.

**Never choose the world's weapons to bring down your mountain.**

- David refused Saul's armor. It did not fit him.
- David got his stones from the brook, not the dirt!
- Champions do not dig in the dirt for their stones. They let the water shape the stones.
- The stones you need will be shaped and fashioned by the Master's hand, using living waters from the River of God.

***Don't look for your answers in the dirt. Get in the river!***

## Sometimes we try to move the wrong mountain.

We can waste a lot of time and energy moving the wrong mountains. To move a mountain, two conditions must exist. First: It needs to be God's will for us to move it. Our will alone, is no reason to move a mountain.

Second: We must move it by God's Spirit and not by our own might or power.

We could move the right mountain but if we move it the wrong way, it is not God's will. He is, after all, more interested in how we move it, than whether it moves. If He wanted, He could have

moved it Himself. He is always more interested in the process we go through of growth, maturity and change as we move it.

### **Point 5.**

#### **Some mountains are ordained for climbing.**

There are the mountains God either permits or places in our paths. These are **not** intended for removal. They are intended to be climbed - to be conquered!

#### **Why would we have to climb some mountains instead of just speaking to them?**

*(Romans 8:37-39 NKJV) "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. {38} For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, {39} nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Mountain climbing builds character. You can grow bigger than your mountain. When you get to the top, the view is terrific and the mountain is under your feet. At the top the sun is shining and a fresh wind is blowing. There is no shadow at the top of the mountain. The only shadow you should abide under is found in Psalm 91.