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Series: Faith Builders

Title: What Do You Do When Your Mountain Won't Move?

Text: Mark 11:23

Mark 11:23 - "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Faith can move mountains. Faith can make the impossible become possible. But what do we do when the mountain doesn't move? God's Word helps us to understand when it seems our faith is producing few results.

WHEN UTILIZING FAITH, WE NEED TO STAY FOCUSED ON CHRIST

Hebrews 12:1-2 - ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SOMETIMES MOUNTAINS ARE SOVEREIGNLY PLACED IN OUR LIVES BY GOD

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 - ⁷Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

FACING IMMOVABLE DIFFICULTIES ACTUALLY SERVE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH

2 Corinthians 12:10 - That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Romans 5:3-4 - ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Caleb "Give Me this Mountain"