#### Introduction:

• "So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." (Mark 11:22–24, NKJV)

## I. Great Faith Comes Out of Rich Intimacy

- A. Daniel 11:32 "they who know their God will do great exploits." NKJV
  - 1. To know means to understand to have comprehension. "While ordinarily gained by experience, knowledge is also the contemplative perception possessed by the wise man (Prov 1:4; 2:6; 5:2; Eccl 1:18)." T.W.O.T.
  - 2. Great works come out of great knowledge of God.
- B. Intimacy builds trust. When we are intimate with someone we grow in trust. In many ways, great faith is trust built over time.
  - 1. Smith Wigglesworth used to say, "Great faith come from great trials."
  - 2. It is in the midst of great trials that we learn to trust God.
- C. Scriptures to think about.
  - 1. "But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" (John 15:7, NLT)
  - 2. "But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do." (Psalm 1:2–3, NLT)
  - 3. Joshua 1:8 meditate and prosper
  - 4. "Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." (Proverbs 4:23, NLT)

### II. The One Two Punch

- A. Scripture says that the combination of a believing heart and faith filled mouth can remove the literal mountains.
  - 1. Faith involves the heart as well as the mouth.
    - a) When people learn the importance of 'speaking it' they may ignore that we need to have a faith filled heart as well.
    - b) When people learn the importance of faith they must also understand the importance of speaking it.
    - c) "It is the believing that empowers the speaking, and believing that empowers the speaking brings the receiving!""Too often we want to get to the speaking without the believing and we miss the receiving and get disappointed."
  - 2. Our hearts and mouth must agree with each other.
  - 3. "Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise." (Hebrews 10:23, NLT) "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23, NKJV)
    - a) Confession- Gr homologia to say the same thing.
    - b) To be in agreement with God's Word. Or To agree with the faith of Jesus moving in you.

- B. We should expect to receive what we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths.
  - 1. Agreement in salvation: "In fact, it says, "The message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart." And that message is the very message about faith that we preach: If you **openly declare** that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:8–9, NLT)
  - 2. What fills our heart is what we speak from. Jesus said it this way, "A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart." (Luke 6:45, NLT) If Jesus is in your heart, then you have opportunity for His faith to work through you! When this happens you do not have to pray again! You only need to praise Him! Some people teach that you only need to pray once. To me that is not accurate. I keep praying until I see results or I know I have heard from God then I just praise Him for the answer.

# III. Speak to the Mountain (Part 2 Start Here)

- A. When we have the faith of God we speak to the mountain and it moves.
  - 1. When we have the faith of God, this gift of faith on our inside, we are empowered to speak to the mountain. It is Christ in us that is actually speaking. I think we forget that it is Christ in us the hope of glory, who is speaking!
  - 2. Remember, it is because you believe that you are empowered to speak. NLT "You can speak to the mountain... but you must believe."
  - 3. Jesus goes on to say in that passage: "I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours." (Mark 11:24, NLT)
    - a) Pray
    - b) Believe you received it. This is past tense.
    - c) You will receive.
- B. To often we try to speak/confess but we are not in the place of faith or to say another way, we start the speaking before we start the believing.
  - 1. People get neurotic with this at times. They begin to believe that whatever they say they will get...good or bad. IE. "How are you feeling?" You get no answer because they are 'standing in faith.' People are scared to be honest for fear of empowering a devil.
  - 2. The scripture is clear you get what you believe in your heart and say with your mouth.
- C. Jesus lives in me, therefore if I die to myself then His faith gets expressed.
  - 1. The more dead to myself that I am the more Christ manifests in me.
  - 2. John G. Lake story section. pp. 483
- D. Do the impossible release the faith of God in your life.
  - "NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the <u>title deed</u>) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]." (Hebrews 11:1, AMP) Faith given to us to:
    - a) accomplish His will for our lives
    - b) to manifest Christ in us.
    - c) to overcome every attack of the enemy.
    - d) to minister to the sick and desperate of this life.
    - e) to overcome every trial that would come our way.
    - f) to draw on the very life of God in this life.
  - 2. Draw you faith from Jesus the author and finisher of your faith!

3. Grow into the Faith of Abraham Ro. 4:

## Conclusion:

- There are two people who speak: 1 Those who believe 2 Those who presume.
- Lets guard our hearts, believe and speak to the mountains.