



Victory Over The Mountains

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I have been in the ministry for about 46 years. In our early twenties, we moved to Mexico as church planters. We spent 26 years doing that. Afterward, we started Bearing Precious Seed of Mexico. Then, I became the General Director of Bearing Precious Seed. Ten years ago, I helped start Bearing Precious Seed Global. We deal with curriculum and translation for Bibles around the world.

It is a great honor and privilege to speak with you. I am happy to meet with all of you today. This morning we will take a few moments and look at Hebrews chapter 11. All of us will be challenged by the mountains that stand before us, as they were challenged by their mountains. I think about the Rockies mountains or the mountains of Alaska. Recently, I was in Ecuador looking at the Andes mountains. As we read this chapter, we are challenged by their faith in God. They marched forward looking at the enormous task before them. Suffering, loss, and testing. Little by little God brings them over to victory. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. Hebrews 11:33

It is easy to stare into this chapter and forget that these are examples that God has given for each of us. Dr. J Oswald Sanders said "Faith enables the believing soul to treat the future as present and the invisible as seen." There are 3 things I would like to share with you that will help us obtain victory over the mountains.

Our Service, Worship, Devotion, Reverence to God.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Hebrews 11:1-2

We are all in the service of God. As missionaries, God has called us into the ministry. Substance means "established on the Word of God." I am glad that I can go in the authority and Word of God. Not in man's authority or thoughts, but God's word. The evidence of things not seen: Evidence means legal term accepted to convict. Faith rests upon the Word of God. We are not leaping into darkness with a "hope so" attitude. Vs. 2: The elders were

called with a plan and a purpose and acted upon it. We are called with the same calling and now we must follow God's Word.

Our Tour or Walk.

We are on a tour. I am on a great tour traveling through this life trying to do what God wants me to do. He says in vs. 3 that the worlds are framed by the Word of God. Our God has the power to create. This is who we serve. He sees, He cares, He created all this so that we might produce and be fruitful. Oh that we might see the power of God's Word that in reality changes lives. Do we go on in speculation hoping that something might happen? I hope and pray that our missionaries do not go with this attitude that "I hope something will happen." Or do we go believing in God's power to transform lives. In Romans 1:20, the Bible says,

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Romans 1:20

That is a great verse for the missionary. No matter where you go, whether they know about God or not, we can know that God has placed something in their hearts. Make them aware! Wake up those asleep! We are the salt and the light. When applied, the Word always works.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Hebrews 11:4-5

When we were at home growing up, it was easy. We just had to follow rules. Same at college. During deputation, we follow established rules through our mission agency. Afterward, we start our journey. That task that seems impossible, working with people that have not asked us to come. But God's Word is still sure and convicts them of their sin.

Our Assignment.

The Work God has given us to do.

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. Hebrews 11:6

I hope we are not looking at this chapter and just standing in awe of what they did, but looking at it as an example of what God can do in our lives and this world. We all will face mountains that stand between us and spiritual victory. How do we see these mountains? Faith to move mountains, or mountains that will move you. There are all sorts of mountains-

fear, finance, sickness, or enemy. I have faced the mountain of language. Trying to learn a second language was many times fearful. I was timid and afraid to use it. I had to face that mountain. But God led me through it! I had mountains that came again, even greater. I feel so insignificant to do the task God has given me. But God has placed people around me like a "Moses" and "Aaron" to help me. God wants to use us, but will we allow the fear and all these things to affect us? Sometimes even the insignificant thing like a mosquito in Africa, fear of disease or raising our children there. But God has given us a task. There are mountains before us, but He gives us the ability through our faith and obedience to Him.

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; I John 1:1

What mountain or mountains are you facing today? How is your faith? God will enable you if you allow Him to do so.