

PART 6: Prayer that Moves Mountains 2

<u>PREMISE</u>: If you want to pray prayers that MOVE MOUNTAINS, you must be STRONG in several AREAS.



1. Believing

- 4. NAME OF JESUS
- 2. Confessing
- 5. WAITING

3. Abiding

6. OBEYING

Side #4 = THE NAME OF JESUS (John 14:13-14, 16:23-24, Mark 16:17-18).

- * In Hebrew culture, names were often given PROPHETICALLY (Matthew 1:22).
- → What others prophetic names can you think of that are recorded in the Bible stories? Several times, both OT & NT, God changed someone's name? Why? Can you give examples?
- * The name JESUS is the FULFILMENT & ENCAPSULATION of all the descriptive names of Jesus in the New Testament.
- → What other names of Jesus can you think of?
- * Spiritual reality is that EVERYTHING is SUBJECT to that name (Philippians 2:9-11, Ephesians 1:21, Luke 10:17, Mark 16:17-18).

We have been given POWER of ATTORNEY to use His name

- = Legal AUTHORISATION given by ONE PERSON to ANOTHER, enabling the LATTER to act on the FORMER'S behalf.
- \rightarrow Can you explain to the group what power of attorney is, how it works and give some practical examples of it in operation?
- * When you PRAY in the name of Jesus, you pray out of His position of AUTHORITY, as if Jesus Himself were speaking the words.
- * When you HEAL in the name of Jesus, it's as though Jesus Himself were LAYING HANDS on that person.
- * When you CAST OUT DEMONS in the name of Jesus, as far as they're concerned, it's as though Jesus Himself were GIVING THE ORDERS.
- \rightarrow If this really is true, how does it change the way you pray or how you use the name of Jesus?
- → What are the warnings of the story of the 7 Sons of Sceva in Acts 19:13-17 and how do they relate to the key point of this message?

<u>Side #5 = WAITING</u> (Psalm 40:1-2, 5:2-3, Hebrews 6:12)

- * God's TIMING tends to be SLOWER than ours!
- * There's often a WAITING TIME between prayer & answer.
- * c.f. SEED-TIME & HARVEST or PREGNANCY.
- * Many spiritual things are BIRTHED and that is rarely hurried.
- * MORAL = NEVER GIVE UP on your prayers (Luke 18:1, Acts 10:4, Daniel 10, Hebrews 10:23).
- → How good are you at waiting? Do you have experience of delayed answers to prayer? Why do you think God often asks us to wait?
- → What does it mean to say that spiritual things are often 'birthed?'
- \rightarrow Read Luke 18:1-8, Acts 10 & Daniel 10 and expand on what the Bible teaches us about persevering in prayer.
- → What should we do while we waiting?

Side #6 = OBEYING (1 John 3:21-22)

'BECAUSE' \rightarrow There's a clear CONNECTION between OBEYING and RECEIVING.

→ How do we balance the connection with obedience and receiving with the fact that everything we receive from God is by grace through faith?

TWO SIDES

- a) There's power in RESPONDING to the SPOKEN WORD.
- → "When God speaks and sparks and initiates, we know that our prayers carry Holy Spirit authority." Discuss!
- b) There's a BREAKDOWN that occurs when we DIOSBEY or CONRADICT His WRITTEN WORD (Mark 11:25, James 5:16a).
 - * You can't VIOLATE divine PRINCIPLES and expect your PRAYERS to WORK.
 - * For example, the Bible draws a straight line between FORGIVENESS & UNFORGIVENESS and HEALING.
 - * All the believing, confessing & patience in the world won't work if you're VIOLATING God's WORD.
 - * If your prayer & the Word of God are set against each other as OPPOSING FORCES, guess which one is going to WIN?
- \rightarrow How does sin block prayer? Why does sin block prayer? How does this idea compare to the way a parent would relate to a child?
- → "You can't disobey God in a particular area and expect Him to bless you in that same area. You can't violate divine principles and expect your prayer to work." Discuss! How might that work in areas like declining to take His advice, refusing to walk in love, clinging onto your anger or doing money your own way? Why do you think there is a connection between forgiveness and healing?

<u>THE POINT</u>: All SIX components WORK TOGETHER. If you want to pray 'prayers that move mountains,' then you must develop STRENGTH in EACH of these areas.

- → How badly does the world around you need some of that dumanis / dynamite prayer power? Does that thought inspire you to step your prayer up a level?
- → In these six, where are you weakest? What might you do to grow stronger?