WOODVALE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Connect Group Sermon Aligned Notes

Series Title: Mountain Moving Faith
Key Scripture: Mark 11:22-24, Romans 8:30
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Date + Speaker: May 26 | Pastor Mark

The Big Idea: Have Faith in God's character and ability when we pray.

Starter: Have you ever been in a really difficult situation? How was it resolved?

Discussion:

1. How does knowing God's character (who He is) and ability (what He can do) affect how you view difficult situations?
2. In Mark 11:22-24, mountain moving was an absurd hyperbole for the disciples, but Jesus meant it to demonstrate God's power. Mountain moving was impossible for the disciples but was not for God. (Luke 18:27; Matthew 19:26.) What totally impossible thing for us is totally possible for God?
3. We are to speak to our mountains and command them to move. What does it mean to speak to our mountains? [*Answers may include: pray with authority and boldness*.]
4. Commanding impossible things to happen requires boldness. Where does this boldness come from? How does our conviction of God's character and ability help us develop this boldness?
5. We pray in the present having the assurance that God has already granted our request in the past even though the answer will not come until the future. How can we speak in anticipation of future events and situations as though they have already happened? (An example of this is found in Romans 8:30) How can God's character and ability fuel our certainty of fulfilment?

6. The Bible talks of calling forth the things that be not as though they were. (Romans 4:17) How can we learn from God doing this to command our situations and circumstances?
7. Alignment of prayer to God's will is the only limit on our prayer. How can we align our requests to God's will? [*Answers may include: Pray in the Spirit*]
8. How have you encountered the four answers – Direct, Delay, Denial, Different – in your circumstances?
9. God loves us enough not to say yes to some prayers. He slams doors to protect us. He takes to protect, and He gives to bless. Have you had a prayer that was answered with any of denial, delay or different? How did that help you discover God's love and wisdom in retrospect?
10. Faith means believing in advance what will only make sense in the reverse - Phillip Yancey. What things have happened in our lives that have only made sense in retrospect?

Prayer

Dear God, help us to remember and trust that You are God: able, and trustworthy. You love and care about us deeply and You will give us what is best in Your infinite wisdom.