



## **Victory Wednesday Bible Study Series**

### **Fighting the Good Fight**

#### **Principles of Faith for Living the Abundant Life**

#### **Week 2 – Mountain Moving Prayers – Mark 11:22**

##### **Introduction**

Tonight, we continue exploring the principles of faith and the disciplines of grace essential to living life to the full. These include knowing who we are in Christ and understanding how to access the promises and privileges granted to us as God's children.

Although we have been freed from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:1–2), we remain ineffective as Christians if we don't realize our position—or fail to reckon it so—due to a lack of knowledge about God, His Word, and our identity. God has promised to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ever ask or think (Ephesians 3:20). Let us, therefore, be prepared to ask—not doubting—but with great expectation!

**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen**  
(Hebrews 11:1)

***Class Discussion: In your own words, how do you define faith?***

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##### **Our Identity in Christ**

The Bible teaches us that if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Yet, being born again does not exempt us from spiritual attacks, the lust of the flesh, or the distractions of the world. If we are not grounded in our identity in Christ, we risk falling prey to the enemy. Listed below are a few affirmations that declare our position in Christ:

- You were created in God's image to have dominion. (Genesis 1:26–28)
- You are fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14)
- You are an ambassador for Christ and the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:20–21)
- You were crucified with Christ; now Christ lives in you. (Galatians 2:20)
- You are a son of God and a joint-heir with Christ. (Romans 8:14–17)
- You are complete in Him. (Colossians 2:10); Greater is He that is in you... (1 John 4:4)
- You are seated in heavenly places with Christ. (Ephesians 2:6)
- You are His masterpiece, created for good works. (Ephesians 2:10)
- You are chosen, royal, holy, and special. (1 Peter 2:9)

***Class Discussion: What else does the bible say about your identity in Christ?***

## The Promises of God

God's Word is the foundation for cultivating an intimate relationship with Him and includes over 3,000 promises—covering joy, peace, protection, provision, wisdom, healing, and more. As His children, we are instructed to ask for what we need, according to His will.

## Why Our Prayers May Be Unanswered

### Selfishness, Pride, and Greed

- You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss... (James 4:3)
- They love to pray...to be seen by men. Assuredly...they have their reward. (Matthew 6:5–8)

### Disobedience and Sin

- If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear. (Psalm 66:18)
- Your iniquities have separated you from your God... (Isaiah 59:1–2)

### Unforgiveness and Unconfessed Sin

- If you have anything against anyone, forgive them... (Mark 11:25–26)
- Whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy. (Proverbs 28:13)

## Prerequisites for Effective Prayer

### Be Bold and Direct

- Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find... (Matthew 7:7–11)
- This is the confidence...if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (1 John 5:14–15)
- Come boldly to the throne of grace... (Hebrews 4:16)
- Call to Me and I will answer you... (Jeremiah 33:3)

### Have Faith

- If anyone lacks wisdom...ask in faith without doubting. (James 1:5–8)
- Without faith it is impossible to please Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

### Be Persistent

- Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in everything... (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer. (Romans 12:12)

**Conclusion:** Knowing our position in Christ, let us be diligent, persistent, and faithful, standing firm in the knowledge that our prayers—offered in faith, humility, and alignment with God's will—have mountain-moving power.

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