

ALL STAFF DEVOTION
**BECOMING EFFECTIVE
PRIESTS & KINGS** (PART 8)



**SPEAK TO YOUR
MOUNTAIN**



Mark 3:14-15

14 Then He appointed twelve, that they might **be with Him** and that He might send them out **to preach**, 15 and to have **power to heal sicknesses** and **to cast out demons** ...



The Lord Jesus called the disciples to:

1. Be **with Him** - build relationship with God;
2. **Share** the Gospel;
3. Have **power to heal** the sick;
4. Have **power to cast out** demon.

Maturing in Him

Sharing Christ as Priest & King

The Disciple is a **Priest & King**

Heart of Discipleship-DNA of BBTC
End-Time Harvest-Increased
Demonic Activities
P & K Thrive-not survive



I. In the NT, every believer is a **priest & king**.

Revelation 1:5-6 Jesus **made us kings and priests** to Father-God.

1 Peter 2:9 We are **a royal priesthood**.



Revelation 5:10 Jesus made us **kings and priests** to **reign on the earth**.



I. In the NT, every believer is a **priest & king**.

1. To **live and minister** as a priest & king, the disciple must develop his **relationship** with God.
2. Relationship takes **intentionality, time, effort, energy, resources** to build.

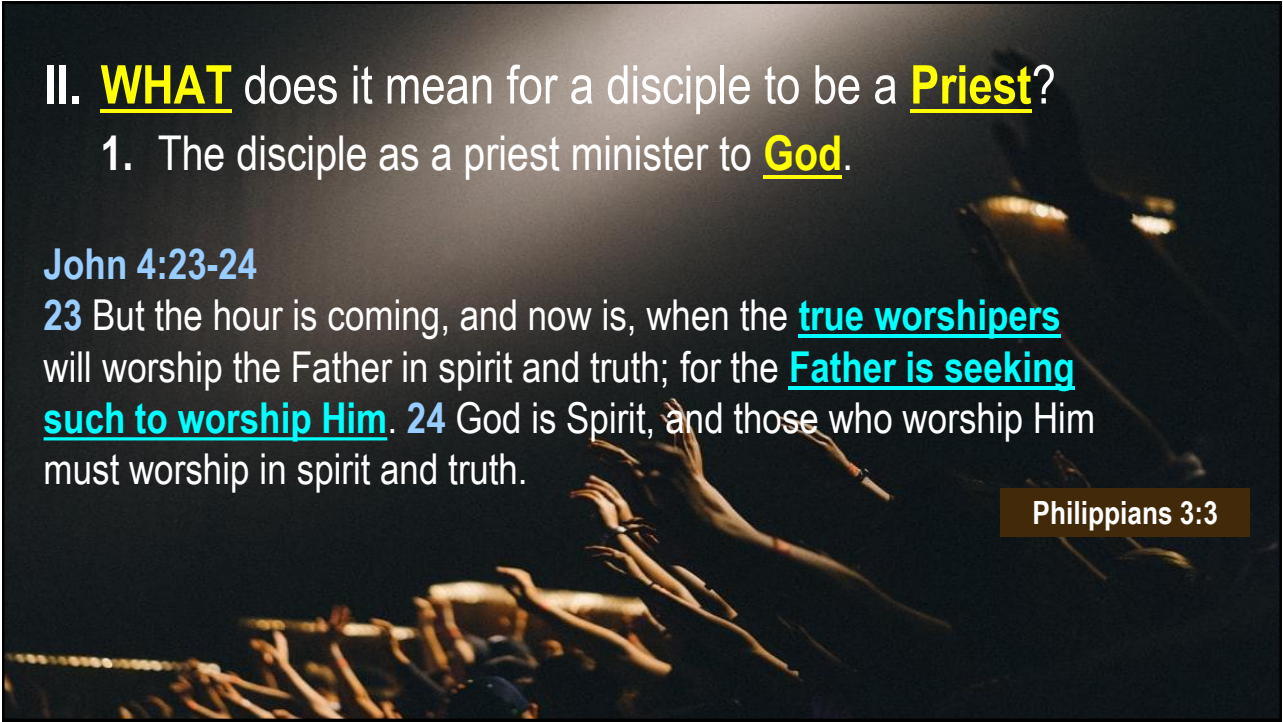
II. **WHAT** does it mean for a disciple to be a **Priest**?

1. The disciple as a priest minister to **God**.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the **true worshipers** will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the **Father is seeking such to worship Him**. **24** God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Philippians 3:3



II. **WHAT** does it mean for a disciple to be a **Priest**?

2. The disciple as a priest minister to **man**.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another**, as good **stewards of the manifold grace of God**.

Ephesians 2:10

Galatians 6:10

Romans 12:4-8





III. **WHAT** does it mean for a disciple to be a **King**?

A **King** represents the **authority** and **power of God** in his earth.

Genesis 1:28

Psalm 115:16

Our earth - our areas of jurisdiction - are:

Our Lives

Homes

People who cross our paths

Place of Work

Circumstances + Situations we're in

As Kings - We speak to the mountain!

Mark 11:12-14, 20

12 Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was **hungry**. **13** And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to **see if perhaps He would find something on it**. When He came to it, **He found nothing but leaves**, for it was not the season for figs. **14** In response **Jesus said to it**, "**Let no one eat fruit from you ever again**." And His **disciples heard it**. **20** Now **in the morning**, as they passed by, **they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots**.

As Kings - We speak to the mountain!

Mark 11:22-24

22 So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God** (the faith of God) 23 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. 24 Therefore I say to you, **whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.**

Background to Mark 11

- Last week of earthly ministry of Christ.
- Daily Jesus and Disciples walked from Bethany to Jerusalem.
- Over Mount of Olives and down the trail towards Jerusalem.
- In Jerusalem for the day and back to Bethany for the night.
- One day, on route, Jesus was looking for figs to eat.



Background to Mark 11

- There was none on that tree but leaves.
- Jesus spoke to that tree that no one will eat from it ever again.
- The disciples heard it.
- The next day, disciples saw the fig tree dried up from roots.



Important to always know context:

We cannot speak to the physical mountain to be removed!

This is about a Lesson on Prayer of Faith
by Speaking to the Mountain-Problems of our lives!

1. Know what is the mountain.

A. Your mountain has a name.

Fears	Sickness	Oppression	Freak Accidents	Doubts
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Persistent Financial Troubles	Worries	Constant Strife
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Health Challenges	Low self-esteem	Eternal Damnation
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Lack	Spiritual Dryness	Dangerous Situations
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Relationship Problems	Work Difficulties
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1. Know what is the mountain.

B. The mountain is any obstacle that blocks the specific grace of God from coming to your life or that of someone else that you are ministering to.

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C. The grace of God is everything we need in life:

Salvation	Deliverance	Healing	The Knowledge of God		
Alleviation from Poverty		Help	Wisdom	Health	Peace
Financial Freedom		Insights	Solutions to Problems		
Answers to Difficulties		Protection	Provision	Etc.	

1. Know what is the mountain.

D. The mountain has always to do with people
- our selves and lives we minister to.

Never take on a demon principality-
idol in and of itself.

Only always in relation
to people.

WHY?

1. Know what is the mountain.

E. There will be consequences when we violate
the boundaries of our authority and power.

2 Peter 2:10-11

10 and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust
of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous,
self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries,
11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might,
do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

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2 Corinthians 10:13 We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.

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Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Description of our warfare with the demonic hierarchy
- Not command & Not the How To engage directly with each category

Context

v10 be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

v11 put on **WHOLE** armor to stand against the wiles of the devil.

The **HOW** is in other portions of scripture. 2 Tim 3:16-whole counsel.



1. Know what is the mountain.

F. Our authority and power are over ground-level demons that afflicts people in every way i.e. we bind and cast out demons only in relation to ministering to people.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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Luke 9:1-2 = Mark 3:14-15

1 Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

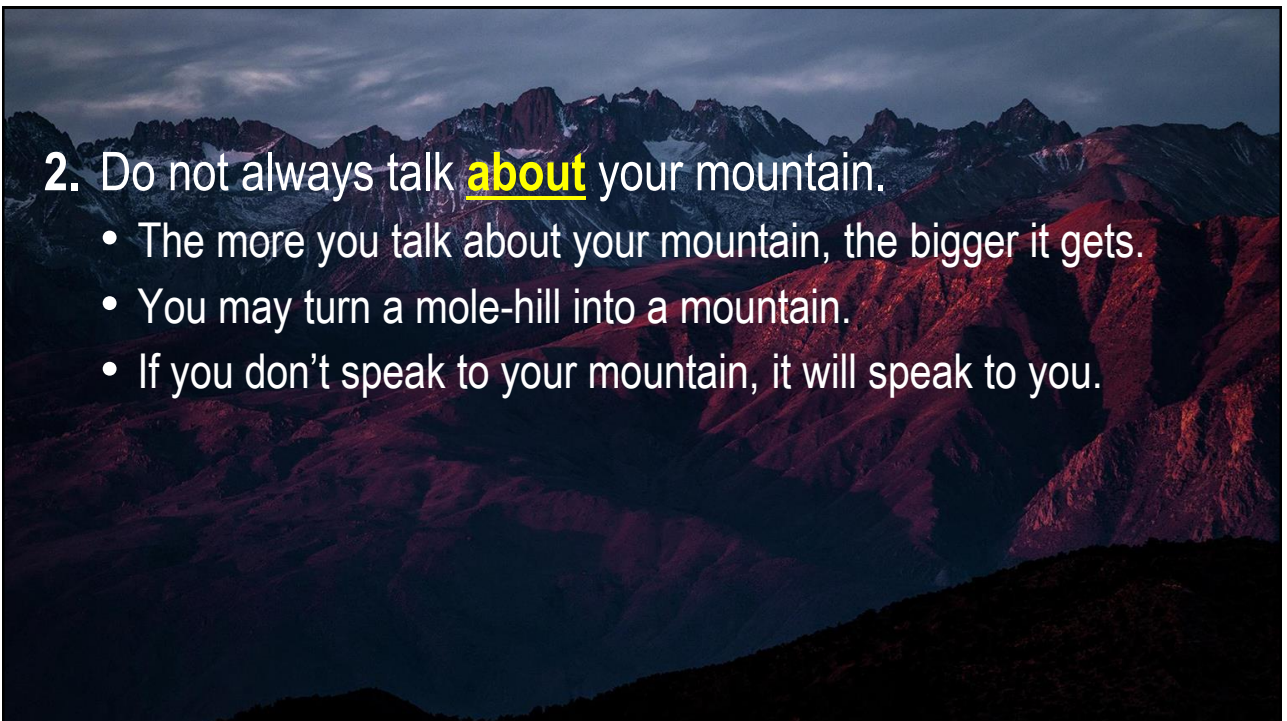
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Mark 16:15, 17-18

15 ... Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; 18 ... they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

Context: Evangelism - Sharing the Gospel



2. Do not always talk about your mountain.

- The more you talk about your mountain, the bigger it gets.
- You may turn a mole-hill into a mountain.
- If you don't speak to your mountain, it will speak to you.

2. Do not always talk about your mountain.

- It will taunt you:

Your marriage
will fail

You will never
kick that habit!

Your child
will rebel!

You will never
get out of debt

You will never
be healthy!

You always
are a failure

Nobody
likes you

You are a hopeless
hypocrite!

2. Do not always talk about your mountain.

EG: **1 Samuel 17** - The armies of Israel and Goliath

- Goliath insulted and taunted the armies of Israel.
- Goliath mocked the God of Israel.
- The armies of Israel were too fearful, they did not speak to Goliath. They all spoke about Goliath.
- The more they talked about the size of the giant, the more impossible he seemed to beat.

3. In prayer, by faith, ask God directly-specifically for the grace you need for the problem-mountain.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Luke 11:9 So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

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Focus on God's Power and not the size of the mountain.

EG: **1 Samuel 17** - David vs Goliath

- David was not focusing on the size of the mountain
- He was focusing on the size of his God

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Other soldiers said

“Look how much bigger Goliath is than me”

“Goliath is too big to fight”

“Complaining to God, the size of Goliath”

David said

“How much smaller he is than God”

“He is too big to miss”

“Telling your Goliath the size of your God”

4. You exercise your authority and power over the mountain by speaking to it.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

With your Will+word+faith-command

4. You exercise your authority and power over the mountain by **speaking** to it.

Speaking to the mountain is **NOT** speaking to God.

A. Speaking to God is prayer as a **priest**.

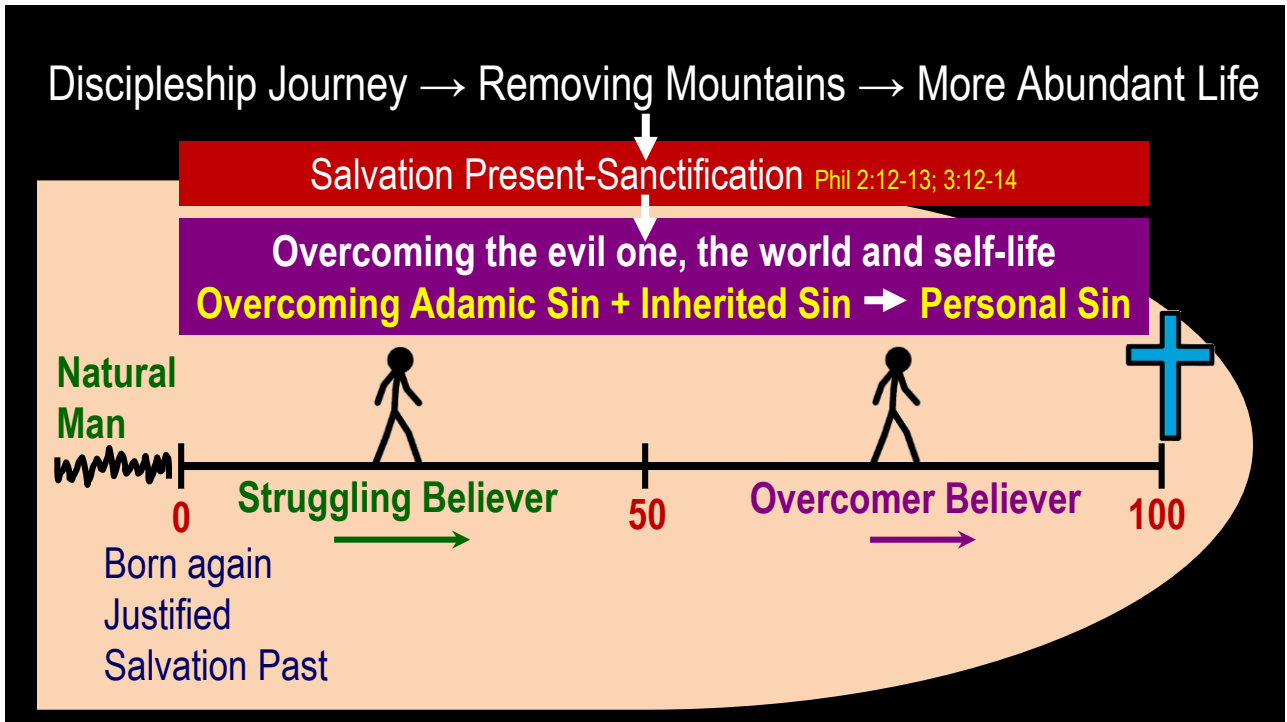
B. Speaking to the mountain is our commanding and rebuking the mountain as a **king**.

Mark 11:22-24
War Room

4. You exercise your authority and power over the mountain by **speaking** to it.

God will not do for you what He has already:

- Done! Finished at the Cross! **2 Corinthians 1:20**
- Given you authority and power to do so! **Hosea 4:6**
- Armor of God - face your enemy. Nothing behind!
- Speak-rebuke-command your mountain!



Speak to Your Mountain! Application #1 - Relational Evangelism

The Lord has given us **2 keys**
to reach out to the lost:

1. **Relational** Evangelism
2. **Strategic** Prayers

Speak to Your Mountain! Application #2 - Resist the devil

Resist the devil = Casting Out Demons

Daily resisting devil's
lies & UGBs - James 4:7

**Demonic
Oppression**

A continuum



Application #2 - Resist the devil

In Jesus name, I come against you
unclean-filthy-lustful spirit / spirit of fear
... Get out of my life!
You have no more hold over me!
I am cleansed and covered by
the blood of Jesus!
Away from my life! GO!
In Jesus' name.



Application #3 - Rebuke sickness and diseases

In Jesus name, I come against you -
*(pain, cancer cells, ache, flu, virus, germs,
 bacteria, spirit of infirmity, deaf & dumb
 spirit ..)* Get out of the body! You have
 no more hold over this body! This body
 is now cleansed and covered by the blood
 of Jesus! You are nullified, GO!
 In Jesus' name.



Application #4 - Take authority over the environment of our situations

In Jesus name, every unclean spirit in
 this hotel room, get out of here! This room
 is cleansed and covered by the Blood of
 the Lamb! Lord, we ask for Your peace,
 wisdom, favour and Your very Presence
 to be with us in our stay here these 5 days!
 In Jesus' name!

Take A @Home

5. As you speak to the mountain, do not **doubt** in your heart.

Mark 11:23 I say to you .. Whatsoever you shall **say** to this mountain: Be removed and be cast to the sea; and **shall not doubt in your heart**, but **believe** that those things you say shall come to pass; you shall **have (receive)** whatsoever you say.

Pray - Say - Believe - Receive (time-factor-Mountains)

Our Belief System

Environment-Atmosphere



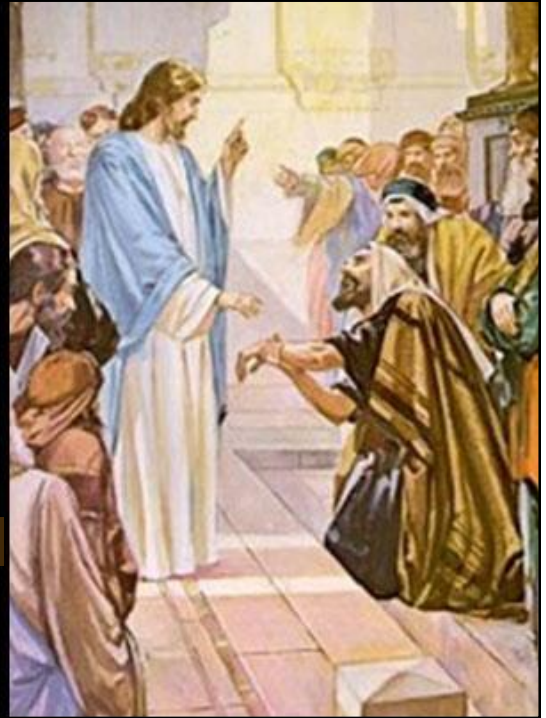
Doubts - when a thought, idea, picture, belief come into our heart in the opposite direction of our faith in God thus nullifying our authority.

Jesus **could / did** not do many miracles in his hometown because of **unbelief**.

Mark 6:5-6

5 Now He **could do no mighty work** there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6 And He marveled because of their **unbelief** ...

Matthew 13:58 - did not



A. Grow our **Faith**.

Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the rhema word.

2 Corinthians 4:13 .. **spirit of faith**, according to what is written, "I **believed** and therefore I **spoke**," we also **believe** and therefore **speak**

2 Peter 1:4 Isaiah 55:11 Psalm 138:2 Jeremiah 1:12

Proverbs 18:21



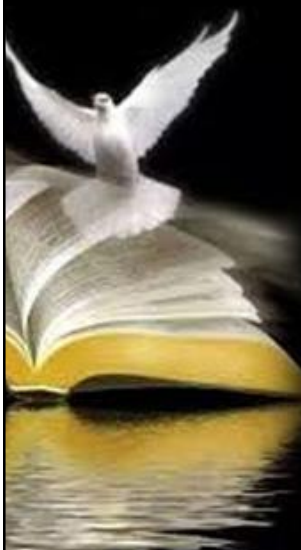
A. Grow our Faith.

Mark 5:27-29 [woman with issue of blood]

27 When she heard (1) about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched (3) His garment. 28 For she said, (2) "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." 29 Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed (4) of the affliction.



B. Starve our doubts.



Don't speak your unbelief!

Satan has no power over us except what we give him.

1 Peter 5:8 Ephesians 4:27

Continually Appropriate the Blood
Forgiveness - Cleansing - Covering

1 John 1:7, 9

Jeremiah 33:8 Psalm 32:1



Bottom-line: Speak to your Mountain!

Matthew 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Faith as a mustard seed to move mountains