**Mountain-Moving Faith**

**Parables and Miracles—Part 15**

**Matthew 21:18-22**

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18“Early in the morning, as he was on his back to the city, he was hungry. 19Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, ‘May you never bear fruit again!’ Immediately the tree withered. 20When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. ‘How did the fig tree wither so quickly?’ they asked. 21Jesus replied, ‘I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. 22If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.’”

1. The Withered Fig Tree: A parable about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.” --Matthew 21:43

He said when you see the fig tree putting forth its leaves you know the end is nearing. --Matthew 24:32

**Application:** Outward activities (leaves) are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unless my life \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus (fruit).

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” --Galatians 5:22

Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing…This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” --John 15:5, 8

1. The Mobile Mountain: A parable about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Application:** When you face a mountain of challenge, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ can move it.

Jesus said, “If you embrace this kingdom life and don’t doubt God, you’ll not only do minor feats like I did to the fig tree, but also triumph over huge obstacles. This mountain, for instance, you’ll tell, ‘Go jump in the lake,’ and it will jump.” --Matthew 21:22 The Message

**Let me give you some practical mountain-moving tips:**

1. Speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the mountain, not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it
2. Focus on God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain
3. Consider that if God doesn’t move the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, He may move \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_