

## **Faith and Growth (Mark 11:22-25)**

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Mark 11:22-25 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. (23) "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. (24) Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. (25) And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

(Fig tree with leaves but no fruit, Jesus cursed the tree, the next day the tree had withered from the root - Peter asked Jesus, Rabbi, the fig tree had withered... Jesus replied: Have faith in God"

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him

...who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.

Jairus' daughter was raised from the dead, Centurion's servant, the woman with the flow of blood, a blind man, Bartimaeus in Jericho, the lame man lowered from the roof by his friends - your faith has saved you... Your faith in Jesus has saved you... How do you put your faith in Jesus...

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### **1. Speak Faith**

Mark 11:23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him.

Psalms 118:17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Proverbs 18:21 The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 12:14 From the fruit of his lips a man is filled with good things as surely as the work of his hands rewards him.

Numbers 13:32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. - Cause the people to grumble against Moses and Aaron - and against God.

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Ezekiel 37:3-4 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

## 2. Pray Faith

Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

### **Pray until you pray**

'Oh Lord, attend to my cry.' Solomon

The great tragedy is not unanswered prayers but unoffered prayer.

Prayer = The subject that is most discussed but least practised.

John 16:24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

## 3. Unblocked Faith

Mark 11:25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

"If you are at a point in your life where faith is not necessary, you are most likely outside the will of God."