
The Keys of Faith, Part II (Mountain Movers)

The Keys of Holiness

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Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Faith, Part II (Mountain Movers)

New Series Messages: “The Keys of Holiness”

- Matthew 16:19 (AV) **19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: ...**
- Sermon: The Keys of Authority (The Power to Bind & Loose)
- Sermon: The Keys of Agreement (The Power of One)
- Sermon: The Keys of Prayer (Making Spiritual Contact)
- Subject: The Keys of Faith (Unlocking Your Anointing)
 - Spiritual Sight (***“You Can’t Seize What You Can’t See”***)
 - Spiritual Perception (***“You Can’t Hear What You Can’t Perceive”***)
 - Spiritual Declaration (***“You Can’t Decree What You Don’t Believe”***)

Lesson Text

Matthew 17:14–21 (AV)¹⁴ And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a *certain* man, kneeling down to him, and saying, ¹⁵ Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. ¹⁶ And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered and said, **O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.** ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. ¹⁹ Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? ²⁰ And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.** ²¹ Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Introduction

Again, in Matthew Chapter 16, Jesus established the Church, gave us keys to the Kingdom of heaven, and declared that the very gates of hell would not prevail against it.

So far, we’ve looked at the Keys of Authority (bind and loose); Keys of Agreement (power of one); Keys of Prayer (Spiritual Contact), and Keys of Faith (unlock our anointing).

Last week we learned that God knew us and anointed us before he called us. But life has inflicted our ability to See, Hear, and Speak what God See, Says, and Declares.

- You Can’t Seize What You Can’t See
- You Can’t Hear What You Can’t Perceive
- You Can’t Decree What You Don’t Believe

Faith gives us the ability of Spiritual Sight, Spiritual Perception, and our Spiritual Declaration.

Today we will not expand on the Keys of Faith.

In our lesson text, we see the Disciples, who had previously use faith to unlock there anointing,

now struggling

Luke 10:17 (AV)¹⁷ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

But now in today lesson text they run into a devil higher up the food chain.

Matthew 17: 19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? What do you do when what use to work no longer works? When what you use to do is no longer working for you.

You have the keys but the car won't start, the door wont unlock, the file cabinet won't open.

I used to play video games; and once I became skilled and proficient at a particular level, the game would take me to the next.

But the skills of the previous level could not get me though the challenges of the next. You see in the Spiritual Realm, at every level, there is a new devil. When you go deeper in God, you go deeper in Devils!

You've been traveling through the wilderness and the deserts of life; but now you've reached Mountains, and these Devils are going to need a whole new level of faith.

Matthew 17: 20 ... **If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.**

Series and Sermon: The Keys of Holiness: The Keys of Faith, Part II (Mountain Movers)

“Rising Above Your Mountain, Going Through Your Mountain, and Rebuking Your Mountain”

I. Rising Above Your Mountain (Overcoming Limitations)

Matthew 17: 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.

The first mountain the keys of faith must move is the Mountain of Self

We all have been given a measure of faith, but it's not enough

Romans 12:3 (AV)³ For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

But the level of faith we're giving a one level can become a limitation at the next.

The disciples could cast out devils; they just lacked enough faith for the new devil.

Matthew 17:19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?

You can have enough faith to accept the call, but not enough to walk in the call.

Matthew 17: 20 And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief:**

Matthew 17: 21 **Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.**

Rising Above The Mountain of Self Requires you to increase your measure of faith with Prayer & Fasting; Prayer Connects You to God; Fasting Disconnects You From Self

Fasting to Disconnect from Self

- Romans 7:21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.
- Romans 8:1 (AV)₁ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- 2 Corinthians 12: 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Prayer to Connect with God

- Luke 18:1 (AV)₁ And he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (AV)₁₄ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Rise Above Your Mountain using the Keys of Prayer and Fasting

II. Going Through Your Mountain (Overcoming Faithlessness)

Matthew 17: 17 Then Jesus answered and said, **O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.**

The next mountain the keys of faith must move is the Mountain of People

It's amazing how much we allow people around us to impact the world around us

Psalms 51:5 (AV)₅ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People around us shape what we think, how we feel, what we do.

We can be having a good day, thinking happy thoughts, ready to take on the world, and a single person can change our whole world.

People are Faithless (without God), and Perverse (Corrupt); and their impact can be devastating.

Psalms 1:1 (AV)₁ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Ungodly Counsel leaves God out, but you need faith to get to God!

The Way of Sinners looks right, but without faith, these ways lead to death

The Seat of the Scornful don't believe in God, and with no faith, you become a fool

We Must Go Through the Mountain of Faithless & Perverse People by not allowing them to influence you, but by allowing God's Word to Direct You!

Psalms 1:2-3 (AV)₂ But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day

and night. ³ And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 119:11 (AV)¹¹ Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:133 Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Proverbs 3:6 (AV)⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

People will disappoint, frustrate, hurt, and leave you; but Go through the Mountains by Using God's Word! People will lie on you, plot against you, and try to kill, steal, and destroy you; but Go through the Mountains by Using God's Word!

Go Through Your Mountains using the Word of God

III. Rebuking Your Mountain (Overcoming Muteness)

Matthew 17: ¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

So Far, We've Risen Above The Mountains of Our Self, and We've Gone Through The Mountains of Our People; Now We Must Rebuke the Mountains of Our Devils.

In Matthew's Gospel, the man called this Devil a Lunatic Spirit, but in Mark's Gospel (Chapter 9:17), he called this Devil a Dumb Spirit. But Dumb, it made him Mute, he could Speak!

The enemy has attacked our faith with doubt and past failures. The purpose is not so much to make us give up on our faith, but to stop speaking our faith; to make us mute!!!

He's told us it will never happen! We don't have enough money, enough people, enough resources, enough power, enough faith. So, Keep Quite! Don't Say Anything! Shut Up!

Matthew 17: ²⁰ ... ***If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

God said it, I Believe it, and that Settles it. So now I Rebuke the devil and Speak to my Mountain and tell it to move!!

Rebuke the Devil and tell your Mountain of Fear to Go: 2 Timothy 1:7 (AV)⁷ For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Rebuke the Devil and tell your Mountain of Failure to Go: Philippians 1:6 (AV)⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

Rebuke the Devil and tell your Mountain of What you See to God: 2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV)⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Rebuke the Devil and tell your Mountain of Poverty to Go: Proverbs 10: ²² The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Keys of Faith, Part II (Mountain Movers))

Lesson Text

- Matthew 17:14–21

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. *Rising Above Your Mountain (Overcoming Limitations)*

II. *Going Through Your Mountain (Overcoming Faithlessness)*

III. *Rebuking Your Mountain (Overcoming Muteness)*

Questions (What was your Main Takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. What is one thing you are most passionate about?
2. What’s one unique role you had in the family you were brought up in? (For example: oldest, baby, funny person, peacemaker)

II. Into the Bible

1. In Matthew 17:14-21, Jesus tells the disciples that they couldn’t cast the demon out because of their “unbelief”. In Matthew 21:18-21, the account of the withered fig tree, Jesus tells the disciples to “doubt not”. Unbelief and doubt are two different Greek words in these texts. What is the difference between unbelief and doubt?
2. As believers, we sometimes feel that many of our “people-problems” come from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Read Ephesians 6:16 about how we are to use the shield of faith. Who is/are truly the wicked? How are we to use our faith to protect us from the wicked? How can we use our faith to deliver the wicked?

III. Life Application

1. Reflection and Testimony. Name something you have been told or thought you could not accomplish because of a human limitation. Now that you know you can rise above it, what is your prayer? Or, if you have already risen above it, testify of God’s goodness and how He brought you over it.
2. We each face different types of mountains in life. Name a mountain that people face, and based on this week’s sermon, tell how you would speak to that mountain using Scripture.