# THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

VICTORY IS YOURS TO TAKE: "TAKE THE STEP TO YOUR GLORY."

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## ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

- Hebrews 13: 5-8
  - <sup>5</sup> God has said,

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

■ 6 So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?"

- Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
  Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

#### Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

### **Our Mandate Remains:**

- The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God's Love to all the Nations."
- We are sowers (not eaters) but sowers reap in multiple folds.
- 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 "When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."
- Ezekiel 22:30 "<sup>30</sup> And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

### "TAKE THE STEP TO YOUR GLORY."

**Brethren**, last week, we looked at the fact that when you are confronted with a mountain, a situation bigger that what we think we can handle, we need to look under the veil and catch the glory. When we catch the glory, we ned to hold unto it until we have gotten our victory.

### 2 Corinthians 3:18 says:

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit."

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**Now**, moving to hold unto our glory requires taking the first step. The how' to that first step seems to be the most difficult.

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### First step is what you see and how persistent you are.

Last week, we saw the case of Moses and Israelites.

That when both looked at mountain Sinai, Moses saw the glory of God as glory of God on the mountain (Exodus 24:15-16) but the Israelites saw the glory of God as a consuming fire (Exodus 24:17).

Because Moses saw the glory, he persisted and got victory. But because Israelites did not see the glory, they fell off cliff and went into sin.

Seeing the glory requires proactively and persistently building relationship with God.

Hebrews 12:1-2, to building relationship with God, bible says, "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles."

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To be persistent, hold on to what God has told you before the mountain came and what He tells you when the mountain is on

**Brethren**, this is a reason we must be consistent in prayer and building relationship with God, so He can prepare us ahead of time. For instance, **Hebrews 12:2**, tells us that we should:

<sup>2</sup> fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (His reward, His victory, His win). Jesus' mountain was the cross but He received the words of God ahead of time that then prepared him.

God had also revealed (Isaiah 53:11 NIV) that "After he has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.."

Hebrews 2:9, therefore said that Jesus, who was made lower than the

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angels <u>for a little while</u>, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Philippians 2:9 "God gave Jesus the name above every name."

1 Peter2:21, that kind of persistence and perseverance displayed by Jesus is what is expected of us:

"To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."

Brethren, what we see is from Suffering to Glory! From mountain to Victory! And we must look beyond ourselves to see the many people we will pull off their hooks when we overcome. Once God has put you on a path, be determined to succeed no matter how difficult it feels or looks.

#### Romans 8:18-21 says

18For I consider that the sufferings (endurance) of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it in hope; 21because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

The fact is that creation (the world, the unbelievers, the unsaved) need our victory.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says ""The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

According to Paul, we are Ministers of the New Covenant

#### In 2 Corinthians 2: 14-17

14Thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's **triumphal procession** and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of Him everywhere.

<sup>15</sup> For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.

**Brethren**, as the people God leads in triumphal procession, He optionally presents mountains along our path because He wants to call us from that mountain and renew His covenant with us.

We need to see glory out of that mountain and catch it. Sometimes, the steps to the catching the glory are intimidating but when we take the first step, the Holy Spirit comes in to help us finish it.

God said, **Jeremiah 29:11**, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a future and a hope."

The world needs our victory, our miracles. Can we deliver?

In Matthew 14:27-29, for instance, when storm came, even though Jesus spoke the word, the disciples still wanted a sign, a miracle.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus spoke up at once: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>"Lord, if it is You," Peter replied, "command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup>"Come," said Jesus. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water, and came toward Jesus.

Again in John 20: 24-29, Jesus appeared to the disciples after His resurrection:

- 24Thomas, ... one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."
- print of the nails. But then 29Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

If the disciples needed signs to believe, the world needs even more signs.

To take our victory, we must take our first step.

James 1:6 says we must do this in faith "without doubting, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Last Sunday, we were reminded of Moses' encounter with God on mount Sinai (mount Horeb) and how Moses took his victory on the mountain.

That same Moses, at some point in his life, found it difficult to take the first step.

In Exodus 3:10, God said to Moses, <sup>10</sup> So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

In Exodus 4:10-31 (ERV –Easy to Read Version)

10Then Moses said to the LORD, "But, Lord, I am telling you, I am not a good speaker. I have never been able to speak well. And that hasn't changed since you started talking to me. I am still not a good speaker. You know that I speak slowly and don't use the best words." Then the LORD said to him, "Who made a person's mouth? And who can make someone deaf or not able to speak? Who can make a person blind? Who can make a person able to see? I am the one. I am the LORD. So go. I will be with you when you speak. I will give you the words to say."

**Exodus 4 (NIV)** "13 But Moses said, "Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else." 14 Then the LORD's anger burned against Moses and he said, "What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? …. 16 He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your

mouth and as if you were God to him. <sup>17</sup> But take this staff in your hand so you can perform the signs with it."

.... <sup>20</sup> So Moses took his wife and sons, put them on a donkey and started back to Egypt. **And he took the staff of God in his hand**.

Brethren, to enable Moses take the first step, God put a staff in Moses' hand. And God told him to take the staff in his hands so that he can perform the signs he showed him with it.

**Today**, our staff is the word of God. The specific word God has given you as you were building relationship with Him, even without knowing that a mountain was coming and when the mountain has come.

APPROACH THE MOUNTAIN WITH THOSE WORDS AND EXPECTATION, BEING CONFIDENT THAT GOD GETS TO THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE YOU.

#### Conclusion

Brethren, first step to our victory is "what had God told you both concerning your pathway and the mountain that has appeared."

Bring those words with faith as your joy (like Jesu) and your staff (like Moses) and command the mountain to move while taking insightful relational action for you victory. In all, God is there.

God Bless You.