From Doubt ....To Moving Mountains

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INTRODUCTION

- We're going to look at two different accounts of the same event, but we're going to spend primarily our time in Mark chapter 9 this morning.

1 Transfigured: This Is My Beloved Son

Mark 9:2–8

- Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them.
- And a voice came out of the cloud. This is my beloved son. Listen to him.
- What is happening in that moment is the confirmation of what Peter had just confessed back in chapter 8.
- He's the Christ. Only he is the Christ. And therefore, only he you should heed.

2 He Comes Down Off the Mountain to Unbelief

Mark 9:14–19; Mark 3:14–15; Mark 6:7

- When people come off of mountains in the Bible, it's not always a good thing.
- Jesus transfigured, God declaring, This is my son, and he comes down off the mountain. And what does he come down to? Unbelief.
- He appointed 12, whom he also named apostles, so that they might be with him, and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.
- But what I do know is Jesus looked at them and says, Where's your faith? Where is it?
- But there are other times where our problem is ourselves, and we're doubting ourselves. I can't do it.

3 This Kind: By Prayer and Fasting

Mark 9:28–29

- When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, why could we not cast it out?
- Your translation may read, and I believe correctly so, by prayer and fasting.
- They fasted when they were afflicted. They fasted when they couldn't make sense out of life.
- The only thing you lacked here was faith in God.

4 Faith Like a Grain of Mustard Seed

Matthew 17:20

- It was because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, move from here to there,.
- It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown, it is larger than all the garden plants.

- And guess what's going to happen to your faith? It's going to grow. But you see, the person with a little faith, they just maintain their little faith.
- And he's going to focus more on his God. And he's going to focus more on prayer. And his faith is going to grow.

5 A Mountain Moved in the Apostles' Lives

Acts 4

- People were bringing their sick into Jerusalem just so that Peter's shadow could fall on them.
- A mountain moved in Peter's life because he finally fully believed in who Jesus is.
- Paul went from being a Hebrew of the Hebrews to the apostle to the Gentiles. Because he became convinced that Jesus is the Son of God.
- Jesus is currently your high priest. And that means he is actively engaged in making intercession before God on your behalf.
- The problem we have is a problem of faith. We do not believe enough in what Jesus can and will do on our behalf.

6 I Believe; Help My Unbelief

Mark 9:21–24

- If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. And Jesus said, if you can, all things are possible for one who believes.
- Immediately the Father of the child cried out and said, I believe. Help my unbelief.
- Help me to put more faith in your Son as my Savior and as my high priest.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **And it may be that's the statement that you need to make this morning. You've had little faith. Maybe you've come to the recognition that Jesus is the Son of God, but you know that's not where it stops. Help my unbelief.**

MY NOTES