

Matthew 18 "Mountain"

• **MOUNTAIN Jesus backs us up when we speak to mountains of our life** . "Jesus told them, 'I assure you, even if you had faith as small as a mustard seed you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move . Nothing would be impossible." V 20

• **Mountains** are the towering rises of earth and stone. They stand as obstacles in people's paths. We have to find paths around them or pass through them to continue our journey.

• Commonly in Biblical talk mountains are the obstacles blocking our life. Think about what is stopping, hindering, blocking your journey---What seems insurmountable to you---People that seem BIG to you standing in your way-- Mountain of debt- Damaged reputation -Addiction -- Fears- feelings of worthlessness-depression -Lack of education- training - Debilitating sickness- physical weakness- infirmity-Too old-too young and inexperienced ---Or harassed by a demon

GO UP the mountain to meet the "who" of our faith - the mountain mover-- the Lord Jesus - Of whom the Father says, " This is my beloved Son!" • Jesus appearance changed so that his face shone like the sun and his clothing became dazzling white." V.2

• Peter James and John were prepared to meet the work of the devil in the valley by seeing that Jesus is something far greater than a man and then putting their faith in Him

• "For apart from me you can do nothing...but if you stay joined to me and my words remain in you, you may ask any request you like and it will be granted!" John 15:5 -7

SPEAK TO the mountain

"Then Jesus rebuked the demon (in the little boy) and it left him...and he was well " (v.18)

-I exercise faith! I tell it to move. I speak to my thoughts that nothing is impossible for me when I'm partnered with Jesus. He has given me His authority. I stand before the mountain of my life and speak out what's written on the mustard seed-"I can do all things through Him (Jesus) who strengthens me. "Philippians 4:13

• A crippled man was healed by faith commanding. Peter said, 'I don't have any money for you. But I'll give what I have **in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!**' Acts 3:1-6