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INVINCIBLE

CONQUERING THE MOUNTAINS
THAT SEPARATE YOU
FROM THE BLESSED LIFE

"MOVING FROM DOUBT TO FAITH"

MARK 9:20-25

Introduction: The Bible frequently uses mountains as a metaphor for seemingly impossible situations we encounter. In this new series, *INVINCIBLE*, we are going to discover how to conquer ten “mountains” that separate Christians from the abundant life Jesus has promised believers. Today, we are going to discuss how to overcome the mountain of doubt by moving from doubt to faith.

Mark 11:22-23 ²² “And Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. ²³ Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, “Be taken up and cast into the sea,” and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.”

I. The Universality Of Doubt We All Doubt

II. Doubt Versus Unbelief

Isaiah 55:8 “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ declares the LORD.”

Isaiah 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts,’ declares the LORD.”

Mark 9:22b “If You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!”

Mark 9:23 “But Jesus said to him, ‘If you can? All things are possible to him who believes.”

Mark 9:24-27 ²⁴ “Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, ‘I do believe; help my unbelief!’ ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, ‘You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again!’ ²⁶ And after crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and the boy became so much like a corpse that most of them said, ‘He is dead!’ ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him, and he got up.”

III. Reasons We Doubt God

- A. **Unlived Truth**

- B. **Unexamined Faith**

- C. **Unanswered Prayer**

Isaiah 59:2 "Your wrongdoings have caused a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He does not hear."

Ezekiel 14:3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put in front of their faces the stumbling block of their wrongdoing. Should I let Myself be consulted by them at all?"

- D. **Undeserved Suffering**

IV. Thomas: A Case Study In Doubt

- A. **Doubts About Life** (John 11:8, 16)

John 11:8 "The disciples said to Him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and yet You are going there again?'"

John 11:16 "Therefore, Thomas ...said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, so that we may die with Him!'"

- B. **Doubts About the Future** (John 14:1-6)

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John 14:1-6 ¹ [Jesus said] “Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again and will take you to Myself, so that where I am, there you also will be. ⁴ And you know the way where I am going.’ ⁵ Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going; how do we know the way?’ ⁶ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.’”

C. Doubts About God (John 20:24-29)

John 20:24 “But Thomas, one of the twelve, ...was not with them when Jesus came.”

John 20:25a “So the other disciples were saying to him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’”

John 20:25b “But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in His hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.’”

John 20:29 “Jesus said to him, ‘Because you have seen Me, have you now believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed.’”

V. The Path From Doubt To Faith**A. Don’t Deny Your Doubts; Acknowledge Them****B. Don’t Dread Your Doubts; Analyze Them****C. Don’t Disguise Your Doubts; Articulate Them**

Conclusion