

# Great Mountains in Your Life

Scripture: [Zechariah 4:6-7](#)

**Intro:** Mountaintop experiences are good to have but sometimes God drops great mountains in our lives we care not to experience. (Matt. 17:19-20; Lk. 17:5-6)

1. Great mountain of hardship: trials (Mt. 18:7)
2. Great mountain of opposition: hindrances. (II Tim. 3:12)
3. Great mountain of difficulty: discouragements, bitterness. (Heb. 12:15)
4. Great mountain of service: task too big for you. (I Cor. 16:9; Rev. 3:8)

## **I. Mountains are Direct Reflection of God's Confidence in You**

- A. Reveals how strong and big you are. (Eph. 6:10)
  1. Child of six: Just being good is enough mountain for him. Dad and child.
  2. Child of sixteen: Bigger responsibility. Dad and teen.
  3. Child of twenty-six: Big commitment. Compliments him.
- B. Reveals how steady and behaved you are. (Tit. 3:8)
  1. Abraham's mountain (Isaac sacrificed) Lot's plain (could not handle mountain)
  2. Abilities brought out by your mountain. (Josh. 14:12) "Give me this mountain"-Anakims. God makes them just your size.

## **II. Mountains are Opportunities For God to Show Himself Strong on Your Behalf (Ro. 8:28)**

- A. Face your mountain and it show what a great God you have. (Jer. 32:27)
  1. Square off and face reality: Stand to it. (II Cor. 12:7-9)
  2. Scheme your way around it: Skirt it. (I Cor. 10:13)
- B. Fix your faith on following God to solve it or get you over it. (Heb. 13:5)
  1. Stay right with God and mountain will fall in your life, not on you. (I Pet. 1:6-7)
  2. Stay close to God and mountain will become a plain. (Zech. 4:6-7; Jas 5:16; I Pet. 3:12)

## **III. Mountains are Material For Testimony of Praise (Ps. 107:2)**

- A. Indicators to measure our commitment. (Phil. 2:12-13)
  1. Anemic commitment
  2. Apathetic commitment

Note: If you have no material to talk about you have no mountains and vice versa.
- B. Infirmities suffice when confronted: Finances, loved ones die, cancer report, children sick. (Phil. 2:16; II Thes. 3:13; Gal. 6:9; Pr. 24:10; I Pet. 4:12-13)

## **IV. Mountains are a Treasure Chest For Rewards in Eternity**

- A. When there are no mountains there are no rewards. (Phil. 3:13-16)
  1. Battle stars from battle scars: medals given for service (purple heart, medal of honor, silver star, etc.) (II Tim. 4:8)
  2. Be faithful at handling your mountain. (Phil. 4:13)
- B. When there are no mountains there will be no maturity. (II Cor. 12:10)