

“Speak To That Mountain!”

I had something else in mind to share this week, but felt God wanted me to speak about some of the “mountains” many of my family and friends are facing. My youngest grandson “JB” had a growth removed recently and the biopsy came back as melanoma cancer. My daughter-in-law's son-in-law Jay's whole body is riddled with melanoma cancer, and it doesn't look good for him, looking at it in the natural.

Jesus said in Mark 11:23: *“For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”* (NKJV) When I first heard this years ago I thought to myself “there is NO WAY that Jesus is going to give the average Joe like me power to displace mountains!

When my grandson JB found out it was melanoma, he put a post on Facebook that said “I am not going to die - I am going to fight this!” What he said helped me better understand what Jesus said - what JB said is that he's not running from this “mountain” of a diagnosis - he is going to confront it, and with God's help, and His battle plan, he is speaking to this mountain, saying he will battle it and conquer it!

I feel God is saying to us that our “mountain” isn't our health crisis, or any other crisis we face in life - our mountain is our attitude towards whatever we are confronted with. If we run from it, it will follow us wherever we go, looming large and menacing over us, and we'll live in fear - until we decide to confront it.

I am incredibly blessed at my age (almost 80) to be in good health, so my mountains (and maybe yours as well) might be chores needing done, repairs that need to be made, or the countless home improvement projects I seem to get myself into - wondering how in the world I'm going to do them. What I have found is that the moment I stand before my mountain, determined to conquer whatever it is, it immediately becomes more manageable and doable!

James 4:7-8a says: *“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you...”* When your mountain looms large before you, know this - it is Satan causing you to focus on the problem and the fears that go with it instead of the “mountain moving” power within you! By all means, ask God to remove the problem, but while you're waiting for Him to come to your rescue, confront it by coming near to Him with praise and worship, and watch the enemy flee, along with your fears and worries! Goodbye mountain! Amen!