WORLD OUTREACH CHURCH

SERMON DATE
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Faith Mountains
Against All Odds

2 Samuel 22: 33-34 (NIV®)
33 It is God who arms me with strength and makes my way perfect.
34 **He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he enables me to stand on the heights.**

I. Growing Up

John 2:11 (NIV®)
This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and **his disciples put their faith in him.**

John 20:8-9 (NIV®)
8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (**They still did not understand** from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

1 Peter 2:1–3 (NIV®)
1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it **you may grow up in your salvation**, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

II. Tabgha, Place of The Seven Springs

A. Jesus' Ministry

1. calling of disciples
2. multiplication of loaves & fish
3. restoration of Peter

B. Mountains to Negotiate

1. "Come, follow Me." (Matthew 4:19) — **Significance** . . . Do I really Matter?

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV®)
28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

2. "Peter, do you love me?" (John 21:15) — **Restoration**

Psalm 147:2-6 (NASB®)
2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel. 3 **He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.** 4 He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them. 5 Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite. 6 The Lord supports the afflicted; He brings down the wicked to the ground.

Forgiveness does not mean the elimination of all consequences.

Deuteronomy 3:26–27 (NIV®)
26 But because of you the Lord was angry with me and would not listen to me. "That is enough," the Lord said. "Do not speak to me anymore about this matter. 27 Go up to the top of Pisgah and look west and north and south and east. Look at the land with your own eyes, since you are not going to cross this Jordan.

Hebrews 11:24–26 (NIV®)

[24]By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. [25] He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. [26] He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Reverent Fear

1 Peter 1:17–19 (NIV®)

[17] Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, **live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear**. [18] For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

Hebrews 11:7 (NIV®)

By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, **in holy fear built an ark** to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

3. "Feed the people" (Matthew 14:16) — **God's Abundance on Display**

Matthew 16:5–11 (NIV®)

[5]When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. [6] "Be careful," Jesus said to them. "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." [7] They discussed this among themselves and said, "It is because we didn't bring any bread." [8] Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? [9] Do you still not understand? Don't you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? [10] Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? [11] How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

God is our Provider.

Psalm 23:1-3 (NIV®)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. [2] He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, [3] he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Tithes & Offerings

Luke 6:38 (NIV®)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

2 Corinthians 9:6–8 (NIV®)

[6]Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. [7] Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [8] And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, Grant me a revelation of Jesus that is more real than the challenges of my life. Give me an understanding heart that I may know You. I rejoice today in the faithfulness of my God, You are my Rock and my Redeemer. I choose to walk the path which You illuminate. I choose truth over falsehood, faithfulness over skepticism, hope over despair; I choose to walk in the light. Thank You for Your great mercy on my behalf. I know You will complete what You have begun in me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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