

Faith Not Formula

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Mark 6:45-56

When Jesus talks about mountain moving faith in Mark 11, it might appear to be a magical formula to have all of our prayers answered to our exact liking. Jesus continues, “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (v. 24). Wouldn’t that be nice? In fact, many televangelists and “prosperity preachers” have isolated this verse to justify selfishness and greed.

However, we shortly learn that this is not what Jesus meant. Soon we find Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane requesting, if at all possible, that the cup be taken from Him. We all know that cup, the journey to the cross, was not removed.

What matters most is having complete trust and faith in the God who leads and guides us. When we pray, do we believe that God is capable of doing the seemingly impossible? Or, do we pray while at the same time doubting God’s goodness and faithfulness? When we pray, may we do so with complete confidence in the Almighty.

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