

## “To Whom Are You Speaking?”



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Recently I hear something that struck me as profound. The conversation was about dealing with challenges that just did not seem to go away. A man said that too often “we tell God about the mountain instead of telling the mountain about God.”

Jesus tells us in Matthew 17: “. . . if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you”<sup>[a]</sup> Jesus did not say, “Tell me how bad the problem is.” You see, Jesus’ work on the cross returned to Believers the ability to speak God’s power to any situation they face. Now do not misunderstand me. I am not saying that we should not tell our Heavenly Father our concerns or ask him for things. We should do both. But, we also must remember that there are certain things that he has instructed us to do. He instructed us to speak to mountains, in two different contexts.<sup>[b]</sup> It is significant that Jesus emphasized this twice. 1) Two is the number of adequate witness 2) When God says something in the scripture more than once, he is emphasizing his point.

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[a] Mat  
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NIV

[b] Matt.  
17:14-20,  
21:18-22

God has a plan for everything. His plan for getting as many people as possible back into his Kingdom of the Blessing includes having Believers do certain things. Some of the things he has instructed and/or commanded us are 1) to speak to the “mountains,” 2) have faith that he will do what we have said, 3) do not doubt!

Keep in mind that what we say in these circumstances must line up with the Word of God and that we must be in tune will of our Heavenly Father for our individual lives. Doing thus, we can powerfully affect the world around us by speaking to the mountains and remind them that God is supreme. There is no reason to complain to God about mountains. He knows they are there and he’s given us everything we need to get rid of them.

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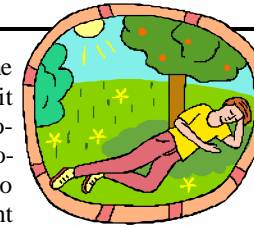
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## “Habitation Of God” (Teaching Sketch)

Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)



When I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit by developing a Sojourner’s Fellowships brochure, I was preparing to write a doctrine statement when suddenly the Holy Spirit said, “No, don’t produce a doctrine. The doctrines of men divide The Body. I will tell you what to say about what those in Sojourner’s Fellowships are to do.”

### Marching Orders

It was then I realized doctrine is not necessarily a marching order! Then I was taken to Jeremiah 23 to the section of “woe to the shepherds.” I must tell you I was a little taken back when I was first reading where I had been sent. I was wondering what I had done wrong to receive such a strong rebuke!

Then the Holy Spirit said, “Tell the people they are to do what these shepherds had failed to do! The Sojourners with you are to be doers and not just hearers! My people are to be people of action, my action through them. Believer

and unbeliever alike are to see my glory flow through them in power!”

### Not Just Another Place

It was then I realized Sojourner’s Fellowships were not to be just another place to hear a message and go on about your life.

### Seeking After God

Sojourner believers are active seekers of God and his will. Jesus told us if we would seek we will find.<sup>[a]</sup> Yes it is true, Christ came seeking us and continues to through Believers who are willing to follow his Great Commission!<sup>[b]</sup> As Believers we must change, renew, and refresh our minds.<sup>[c]</sup> It is this seeking which permits us to be transformed into all God meant us to be at the creation of mankind! By flowing in the seeking, relating, and renewing we prove, by demonstration, what is good, acceptable, and perfect in the will of God. Yes, I said prove and demonstrate! What

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[a]  
Matt. 7:7

[b]  
Mark  
16:15

[c]  
Romans  
12:2

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

<sup>23</sup>Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ<sup>[a]</sup> that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

### Sons of God

<sup>26</sup>You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, <sup>27</sup>for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>If you be-

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long to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

<sup>11</sup>It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

(Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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### SOJOURNERS...

Sojourner's... allow the habitation of God himself as He tends them and as they seek Him and rest in His presence. (Jer. 23:2-3)



is a test, but proof and demonstration of a thing or matter.

### Tended By God

God demonstrates or proves his existence, power, and faithfulness as we do his will. Sadly, the world believes, and will tell everyone who will listen, God and his existence cannot be proven. This could not be further from the truth. As Believers we are living, walking, breathing children of God empowered to do just that very thing because God tends, us meeting our needs and his will through us! Let me emphasize again, we prove we are in the world but not of the world<sup>[d]</sup> by the godly authority and power which flows through us as he tends us!

### God's Presence

It is God's presence in power which permits us, therefore, to rest in the Heavenly Kingdom in the here and now! This is the condition we Believers have been recreated into for works of service by faith.

The presence of God in our lives permits rest. How can any person rest if they feel vulnerable and without protection? What is it like for a person who is so deceived by the world system they can never rest because they are without the protection of God, himself, and this situation is by their own choice!

God, through Jesus Christ, provides the Believer with the assurance they are never alone and thus are permitted the peace that is beyond understanding.<sup>[e]</sup> This lack of understanding is particularly true for the unbeliever as they cannot perceive a peace so great.

The Believer, on the other hand, may not grasp the full depth of the peace they enjoy but knows it is there, nevertheless. It is this peace and only this peace which permits so great an understanding and feeling of security to carry out a ministry of healing, deliverance, and reconciliation commissioned. Allow the habitation of God and enjoy him!

### Notes:

[d]  
John 15:19

[e]  
Phil. 4:7