



NEVER, NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP!

Faith for a Church Property When Someone Else Already Bought It!

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Psalm 119 ⁸² I'm consumed with longings for your promises, so I ask, "When will they all come true?" ⁸³ My soul feels dry and shriveled, useless and forgotten, but I will never forget your living truth. TPT

Psalm 105 ¹⁷ But he had already sent a man ahead of his people to Egypt; it was Joseph, who was sold as a slave. ¹⁸ His feet were bruised by strong shackles and his soul was held by iron. ¹⁹ God's promise to Joseph purged his character until it was time for his dreams to come true. TPT

Mark 11 ²³ Listen to the truth I speak to you: Whoever says to this mountain with great faith and does not doubt, 'Mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the midst of the sea,' and believes that what he says will happen, it will be done. ²⁴ This is the reason I urge you to boldly believe for whatever you ask for in prayer—be convinced that you have received it and it will be yours. TPT

Notes:

The Aramaic word for *doubt* means "to be divided (undecided) in your heart."

The mountain and the sea can also be metaphors. Mountains in the Bible can refer to kingdoms, and the sea represents the nations (e.g., "sea of humanity"). Faith lifts up and brings with us the "mountain" of God's kingdom realm when we go into the nations. The Greek word for mountain, *oros*, is related to a verb that means "to lift up and carry off and take with you." This truth Jesus brings us is more than hyperbole; it is the active power of faith to take and carry the power and authority of the mountain—God's kingdom realm—with us wherever we go.

Proverbs 18 ²¹ Your words are so powerful that they will kill or give life, and the talkative person will reap the consequences. TPT

Acts 3 ²¹ For he must remain in heaven until the restoration of all things has taken place, fulfilling everything that God said long ago through his holy prophets. TPT

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Or "until the time for the universal restoration."

Or "This one the heavens must receive until the times of universal restoration." The word *restoration* in Greek is *apokatastasis*, which infers the restoration of creation to the state of existence before the fall, but also Davidic covenant being restored. Luke's choice of the Greek word found only here in the New Testament is noteworthy. It is a medical term that means "restoration of perfect health."

2 Corinthians 4 ⁸ Though we experience every kind of pressure, we're not crushed. At times we don't know what to do, but quitting is not an option. ¹⁶ So no wonder we don't give up. For even though our outer person gradually wears out, our inner being is renewed every single day. TPT

Philippians 1 ⁶ *I pray with great faith for you,* because I'm fully convinced that the One who

began this gracious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ! TPT

2 Timothy 4 ⁷ I have fought an excellent fight. **I have finished my full course with all my might and I've kept my heart full of faith.** TPT

Luke 18 ¹ One day **Jesus taught the apostles to keep praying and never stop or lose hope.** He shared with them this illustration: ² “In a certain town there was a judge, a thick-skinned and godless man who had no fear of others’ opinions. ³ And in the same town there was a poor widow who kept pleading with the judge, ‘Grant me justice and protect me from my oppressor!’ ⁴⁻⁵ “He ignored her pleas for quite some time, **but she kept asking.** Eventually he said to himself, ‘This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I’m tired of listening to her. Even though I’m not a religious man, and I don’t care about the opinions of others, I’ll get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I’ll rule in her favor. Then she’ll leave me alone.’ ⁶ Jesus continued, “Did you hear what the godless judge said—that he would answer her persistent request? ⁷ **Don’t you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day?** He will pour out his Spirit upon them. He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for. ⁸ **God will give swift justice to those who don’t give up. So be ever praying, ever expecting, in the same way as the widow.** Even so, when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of undying faith on earth?” ³⁵ As Jesus and his followers arrived at Jericho, a blind beggar was sitting by the roadside. ³⁶ When he heard the crowd approaching, he asked, “What’s all this commotion about?” ³⁷ “It’s Jesus!” they said. “Jesus the Nazarene is passing by.” ³⁸ The blind beggar shouted, “Jesus, Son of David, have pity and show me mercy!” ³⁹ Those in the front of the crowd scolded him and warned him to be quiet, **but the blind beggar screamed out even louder, “Jesus, Son of David, show me mercy!”** ⁴⁰ Suddenly Jesus stopped and directed those nearby, “Bring the man over to me.” When they brought him before Jesus, he asked the man, ⁴¹ **“What do you want me to do for you?”** “Master,” he said, “please, I want to see.” ⁴² Jesus said, “Now you will see. Receive your sight this moment, **for your faith in me has given you sight and new life.**” ⁴³ Instantly he could see again. His eyes popped open, and he saw Jesus *standing in front of him!* He shouted loud praises to God and he followed Jesus. And when the crowd saw what happened, they too erupted with shouts of praise to God. TPT

Matthew 7 ⁷ “Ask, and the gift is yours. Seek, and you’ll discover. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸ **For every persistent one will get what he asks for. Every persistent seeker will discover what he longs for. And everyone who knocks persistently will one day find an open door.** TPT

Romans 4 ¹⁷ That’s what the Scripture means when it says: “I have made you the father of many nations.” **He is our example and father, for in God’s presence he believed that God can raise the dead and call into being things that don’t even exist yet.** ¹⁸ Against all odds, **when it looked hopeless, Abraham believed the promise and expected God to fulfill it. He took God at his word, and as a result he became the father of many nations. God’s declaration over him came to pass: “Your descendants will be so many that they will be impossible to count!”** ²⁰⁻²¹ **He never stopped believing God’s promise,** for he was made strong in his faith *to father a child*. And because he was mighty in faith and convinced that God had all the power needed to fulfill his promises, **Abraham glorified God!** TPT