

- Examples of strongholds are:
  - \* Materialism      \* Racism      \* Fear      \* Superstition
  - \* Moral relativism   \* Humanism   \* Philosophy of evolution.
- These strongholds have invaded the seven mountains of this world, and are controlling them
- So our task is to find that specific segment of the culture, where we are to make a place of influence, and change the mindsets/values of that segment, through teaching and demonstrating the Kingdom.

### AN EXAMPLE OF TAKING A MOUNTAIN

- Columbia & Guatemala

### SUMMARY

- God wants us to bless the nations.
- We bless the nations by disciplining them.
- We disciple nations by discovering that specific realm of influence that God wants us to occupy, and then pursue that place until we have transformed the mindsets of the people in that realm, with Kingdom principles, so that they begin to think Biblically, and then become open to the gospel of the Kingdom

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

- “Proclaiming Kingdom Destiny To The Nations”*
- Proclaiming** – We are called to infiltrate, demonstrate, communicate, and disciple others.
- Proclaiming Kingdom** – We are called to manifest the Kingdom of God everywhere we go.
- Proclaiming Kingdom Destiny** – We are called to convince people that they have a place, a purpose, and a destiny that can only be realized as they embrace the Kingdom of God.
- Proclaiming Kingdom Destiny To The Nations** – We are called to believe God to use us to influence nations.

**NEXT WEEK:** How To Discover And Take Your Mountain!

## DESTINY’S MISSION

### Part 3 – Our Task: To Take Our Mountain!

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### REVIEW

1. We Are Called To Bless Nations – Genesis 12:1-3
2. We Bless Nations By Discipling Them – Matthew 28:19-20
3. We Disciple Nations By:
  - Making ourselves available to be used by God
  - Asking God for the nations
  - Asking God for strategies to disciple nations
  - Understanding that the key to discipling nations is to influence the culture

### WHAT IS THE KINGDOM?

- The Kingdom Of God is the divine will, heart, power, rule, and full expression of King Jesus.

### WHAT IS DISCIPLESHIP?

- To disciple a person, is to teach and model the principles of the Kingdom, until they are fully embraced in the mindset (thinking) of a person, so that the person is fully influenced by those Kingdom principles.
- To disciple a nation, is to teach and model the principles of the Kingdom to a culture, until they are embraced in the mindset (thinking) of the citizens of that culture, so that the culture is fully influenced by those Kingdom principles.

### WHY WE MUST TAKE THE KINGDOM OUTSIDE THE CHURCH, AND INTO THE CULTURE - (See diagram insert).

- When the Kingdom is kept inside the church, the result is “a kingdom remnant”, surrounded by a “culture-influenced” church community.
- When the Kingdom is taken outside the church, the whole church can become a “kingdom community”, infiltrating the culture around them

## **MOUNTAINS: KINGDOMS, REALMS OF INFLUENCE**

Psalm 30:7, NIV – “O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm ...”

Isaiah 13:4, NIV – “Listen, a noise on the mountains, like that of a great multitude! Listen, an uproar among the kingdoms, like nations massing together! The LORD Almighty is mustering an army for war.”

Isaiah 2:2, NIV – “In the last days the mountain [kingdom] of the LORD's temple will be established as chief [head] among the mountains [kingdoms]; it will be raised above the hills [lesser mountains – lesser kingdoms], and all nations will stream to it.”

Revelation 11:15, MKJV – “... And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms [realms / powers] of this world have become the kingdoms [realms] of our Lord, and of His Christ. And He will reign forever and ever.”

### **WHAT ARE THE SEVEN MOUNTAINS? (See diagram insert).**

There are 7 mountains, or 7 realms of influence, that are presently controlled by the world's culture.

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| 1. Religion Mountain  | 2. Family Mountain    |
| 3. Education Mountain | 4. Political Mountain |
| 5. Media Mountain     | 6. Arts Mountain      |
| 7. Business Mountain  |                       |

\*\* The Great Mountain – The Kingdom Of God \*\*

Psalm 68:16, NIV – “Why gaze in envy, O rugged mountains, at the mountain where God chooses to reign, where the LORD himself will dwell forever?”

### **HOW CAN WE DISCIPLE A NATION?**

Each one of us must embrace our task of determining our specific “mountain”, and bringing kingdom principles to our part of the mountain, until everyone in our sphere of influence has embraced those Kingdom principles.

Joshua 14:6-12, NIV – (6) Now the men of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, “You know what the LORD said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. (7) I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh

Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, (8) but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly. (9) So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.’ (10) Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! (11) I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. (12) Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

Verse 12: “hill country” (Hebrew = “har”) = “mountain”

Literally – “give me this mountain!”

a) What is your task? – Discover your mountain

“Give me this mountain” (verse 12)

Discover and pursue that realm of influence, that God is calling you to (your mountain).

b) What is your inheritance? – Your sphere of influence.

“The land on which your feet have walked” (verse 9)

The specific part of the realm of influence, that God will give to you to infiltrate with Kingdom principles (your inheritance).

c) What is your goal? – Displace the strongholds

“Their cities were large and fortified, but ... I will drive them out” (verse 12)

To displace harmful cultural mindsets (strongholds) where you are assigned, and replace them with Kingdom principles.

### **WHAT ARE STRONGHOLDS?**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5, NIV – (3) For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. (4) The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. (5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

“Strongholds” are “arguments, pretensions, and thoughts”, or “systems of beliefs or thinking” that are contrary to the truths of God.