

# KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

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When I was a boy, we would sometimes play a game called KING OF THE MOUNTAIN. When I was a young man God used this game to give me understanding about his purpose for my life. Now that I am what people refer to as middle aged, God has showed me by this game where I am in His purpose for me, and what I must do to reach the top of this mountain.

In the game King of the Mountain you would use a large mound of dirt to be the mountain. Then one boy would get up on top of this mound and he would be the king of the mountain. Several other boys would all try climbing to the top of this mound to knock the king off of his mountain, and thus he would be the new king of the mountain. The boy, who is king, would try to protect his throne of course and would try to knock the other boys back down the mountain, and not let anyone take his kingdom away from him. This game would become a rough and rowdy game and lots of fun for such boys.

About thirty years ago, not long before I realized that God was calling me into the truth I had a strange, and realistic dream that left me astounded when I awoke. The dream seemed so real that even after I had awakened, it still seemed real to me for a few moments. I didn't know if the dream had any meaning or not, but since I have become converted I have been able to understand the dream. It was a dream from God. Before I continue, let me make it plain here that I know that all people have dreams, and most dreams are not any special revelation from God. Many people have assumed that their dream was from God and tried to interpret it according to their own human reasoning, and they were wrong, and just deceived themselves and others by it. With that being said, I am certain that this dream of mine was from God. After I was converted, I began to understand the dream by applying the Bible symbolism to the things of the

dream. Also, the understanding of the real purpose of our lives according to the word of God is in complete agreement with this interpretation of this dream. Those people who really do know God and his Word will also know what the Bible symbolism is, so they can see and understand that this is a vision from God.

The dream was as follows: I was at the foot of a small mountain and for some reason the ambition to climb to the top of this mountain was in me. I began climbing and was moving along ok at first. Then I began to notice that the mountain was beginning to get slick and slippery. I was still able to make progress, but it was slowing me down. After a while, when I wasn't too far from the top, the mountain became more and more slick. Also, I realized that my wife was with me, and I was trying to help her to come up with me. This made it more difficult for me to get traction enough to get us both up through this super slick slope. I would take a step forward and slide back. I would take a step forward and try to pull my wife up, only to slide back to her. I didn't give up though. I felt the desire to master this slick mountain slope was important enough to keep trying. I would take a step forward and slide back. After a good while of this I began to realize that it was impossible for me to climb any farther. I just stood there holding the ground that I had, when suddenly I looked up to the top of this mountain and a man extended his arm and hand down, to help me up to the top. I reached up as high as I could; I had to strain to reach his hand. He also reached way down very low to help our hands to make contact. Finally I grabbed hold of his hand with one hand and was holding on to my wife with the other hand. When he started to pull us up, my wife's weight added to my own weight, and with me only using my left hand to hold on to him, I couldn't hold on. I realized that for me to hang on I must let go of my wife and grab his hand with both of my hands. Even by using both hands I had to squeeze very, very tightly to hang on. Then he pulled me up to the top.

After I was finally up on top of this mountain, I was given super natural powers. It was amazing! I now could speak and what I said would happen! It was like to me then that I was like a Magician, only with no tricks. It was all done in truth. I also began to realize that my hands had super natural strength! This great strength in my hands was so great that it felt scary that a man could have such

power and strength! Then I was sent back down the mountain slope to help all of the other people who were trying to come up the mountain. This time the slick slope didn't seem to affect me at all. So I went back down the slope and saw all of these struggling people, and then I saw big black dogs attacking the people. I began grabbing these dogs by the head in my hands and crushing their heads and throwing them back down the mountain. I then took my wife to the foot of the mountain and told her to start again up this mountain. I think others were starting also. When I awoke I was a little frightened and amazed. It seemed so real that in my foolishness I tried speaking to a table commanding it to "RISE". Of course it didn't, and I felt a little foolish.

This dream was so impressive that I told my wife part of it. I also told my wife's brother-in-law the part about having "powers like a magician." I was unconverted at the time and didn't have a clue as to what meaning might be associated with this, but it was very impressive.

After I was called and surrendered to God and was converted to start obeying God, I began to learn a lot of God's truth, it now made a lot of sense to me. Among the truths I was learning was that God inspired his prophets and apostles to sometimes use words to symbolize something else other than what they physically meant. The same symbolic words are used by many different writers of both Old and New Testament scripture, and they always have the same symbolic meaning.

To help you understand the dream I will give you the key biblical symbolic words and their meaning. A "MOUNTAIN" is a kingdom or government. The mountain represents this present evil world which true Christians must overcome. The slope is difficult and slippery, a person could lose his footing and backslide all the way back down if he is not careful to watch your steps. Your "FEET" do represent the way you live, or walk with God. That is why Christ washed his disciple's feet at the last Passover before his death. Also read Isaiah 52:7 : "HOW BEAUTIFUL upon the Mountains are the feet of him that brings good news , that publishes peace; that brings good news of good, that publishes salvation; that says unto Zion, Your God reigns!" Jesus Christ is the one who has overcome this

world and has qualified to take over the rulership of the whole world. He has not yet taken over the rule, but he soon will! But Jesus is not like the devil that is down here hindering Gods saints from overcoming as in the game of “king of The Mountain”. Jesus Christ will give us a hand to help us if we really try and desire to overcome our sins and trials of this evil world. Christ the King wants us to help him rule! (Rev. 2: 26, 27) The Dogs symbol represents those people under Satan’s influence who try to destroy Gods saints before they can overcome. (Rev. 22: 14) During the Great Tribulation Satan will cause another martyrdom of saints. (Rev. 6: 9-11) Many others will be persecuted greatly. (Rev. 12: 13-17)

This place on the mountain slope where I couldn’t make any more progress, where I took a step forward and slid back, is the greatest trial of my life and this has been going on now for over a year. I won’t discuss this publicly. Nothing has ever hit me so hard in my heart ever in my life and Satan has been trying to destroy me because of it. I’m glad that God and Christ are so merciful as to Pull me the rest of the way up this slope and strengthen my hands so that I may hold on to Christ and not let go. By myself I couldn’t overcome such a sore trial. I am very thankful for Christ’s extra special help.

If there are still any brethren out there who still love God and Christ with all of your hearts and truly put God and Christ first, above anything or anybody; then I ask you to please pray for me and my family. God knows about the situation, but if other faithful brethren would pray also maybe deliverance would come sooner. I long to be in Gods Kingdom united with our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, and a host of faithful, loving, caring, brethren who have overcome the evil of this world, and learned to live by the way of honesty, truth, faithfulness, and out going concern for others, and have thoroughly repented of the selfish lust filled way of vanity, selfishness, lust, greed, and inconsideration of others in their behavior. God bless you dear brethren.

Brethren I Gary Stowers have written, and put on the internet the above message about my dream, but since I have written this I have come to realize that there was some relevant information that I left out of this document; I will add it in here on my computer above my signature. In the dream; after I had let go of

my wife's hand so that her weight wouldn't hold me down, and prevent me from being able to hold onto Christ's hand and arm; then I was pulled up a little so that my feet were off the ground, but my wife was holding on to my feet, and making it very difficult for me to hold own. I realized the importance for me to get to the top of this mountain, and I couldn't take her with me, so I took one foot and pushed her hands off of my feet and set myself free so that I could hold on and be pulled up to the top. When I was at the top, I had to let go of the arm and hand to grab hold of the edge of the cliff. I felt a little scared that I was no longer being pulled by this mighty arm, but I managed to crawl over the edge of the cliff on my knees. Then I stood up and walked over to the King of this mountain and He then gave me these supernatural powers and strength that I mentioned above. Then he told me that I must go back down the mountain to help others overcome also. I remember, even though I was given the dream about thirty years ago, I remember feeling a little disappointed just for a few moments, that I couldn't stay up there with him, but I obeyed and went back down to help the other people including my wife. I remember being glad that the slipperiness of this mountain didn't bother me at all now. When I saw the people all trying to get up this mountain, and the big black dogs were attacking, I crushed several dogs' heads with my super strong hands, and threw them back down the mountain. Then I took my wife to the foot of the mountain and instructed her that she must go back up the mountain by herself. I assured her that it wouldn't be that difficult for her since she had been most of the way up with me before, but she would find the slick, slippery spot difficult also. Then I awoke as I mentioned above.

Brethren, no matter how much we love someone, and desire to take them into Gods Kingdom with us, we can't. We will all have to overcome this world after God calls us to know him, based on our own desire and effort, and by being submitted to our Lord Jesus Christ. We humans can't save anyone by our selves, and when we do reach that final trial and test, we must remember to focus on the top, and not let anything of this world hinder us from holding on to Christ. He will deliver us if we put our whole trust and hope in him. Everyone will have their opportunity to qualify for the Kingdom of God, but according to God's time schedule. I love my family, but I must go on before them, for I was called before

them. I hope they don't think I am being selfish. After I have overcome, with Christ's help then I can help them also. I write this with much love for my family and brethren. Someday you will know that what I write is the truth.

A faithful and true witness of God and Christ,

Gary Stowers