

If:

### You Have the Faith of a Mustard Seed

*Truly I tell you, 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."*

*Matthew 17:20 (NIV)*

TO GET AT WHAT THIS VERSE MEANS, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD ULTIMATELY WANTS FROM US - \_\_\_\_\_!

WHAT WAS JESUS SAYING TO THE DISCIPLES?

1. You can do the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The power of our faith is always related to the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ.

IN THIS PASSAGE, "LITTLE FAITH" MEANS:

- Failing to \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_.

*Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?"*

*"From childhood," he answered. "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."*

*"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."*

*Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"*

*When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."*

*Mark 9:21-25(NIV)*

*And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer."*

*Mark 9:29 (NASB)*

*Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command*

*you to come out.” Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.*

*When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.*

*Acts 19:13-20(NIV)*

3. The power of our faith grows as we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
from our lives.

### **Warning Against Falling Away**

*<sup>11</sup> We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand. <sup>12</sup> In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God’s word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! <sup>13</sup> Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. <sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.*

*Hebrews 5:11-14 (NIV)*

### **A COUPLE OF HANDLES FOR TODAY:**

- Stop making \_\_\_\_\_ for your \_\_\_\_\_.
- Concentrate on \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.