

Living by His word

L I T T L E F A I T H

In **Matthew 17:14-16**, the disciples could not cure a boy who was an epileptic, so the Father turned to Jesus for help and Jesus cured him of that demon. (**Vs 18**) In **verse 19**, the Bible says the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast him out?" Notice Jesus' response in **verse 20**. "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have Faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible (**Gr.**) TO you."

In **verse 20** notice the word unbelief. In the original Greek text it does not use the word unbelief, but it is translated "the little faith of you." When Jesus used the term "the little faith of you", **He was not saying the mustard seed moved the mountain, but AS (in the Greek) a mustard seed, to point out the quality of something. He was meaning a mustard seed that has grown into a tree!** **Matthew 13:31, 32.**

A faith that has grown will have the ability to move the immovable. **Matthew 6:30, 31** says if you worry for what you have need of, this is little faith. **Matthew 8:26** says if you are fearful; this is little faith. **Matthew 14:31** says that "little faith" is also the result of doubt. The God kind of faith is the kingdom of God that has seeded itself in you, and grows to the full potential God intended it to be in you. So we see clearly, little faith does not accomplish much.

I think people moved so quickly to believe the "little mustard seed" could move the mountain, maybe because they could relate to little Faith in themselves. But faith is not something you take off a shelf and use it when you need it. It is not some formula you use and if you miss a part of that formula you lose your faith, and now become unable to see the results of your faith. **Romans 10:17** says "faith comes by hearing and hearing through a Word of Christ."

For example **Luke 17:6** says a growing faith will carry forgiveness in life. **Luke 13:19** and **Mark 4:31** says a growing faith will produce for others.

The Bible speaks clearly of four types of faith. Three of them are from you and one is from God.

#1. Transforming Faith: is your responsibility, the mind is being renewed in the way it thinks.

#2. Transcending Faith: continues on in spite of great opposition.

#3. Triumphant Faith: wins victories from sudden surprise attacks.

#4. The Gift of Faith: a supernatural manifestation given at a specific time it's needed, especially when the presence of Gods' glory is manifested. (This one is as HE wills!)

The development and growth of faith is man's responsibility; but the provision for this faith is Gods responsibility.

When someone is newly planted in the kingdom you will find that God provides

more grace and mercy for them, but there is a point God holds them accountable for their own faith. God expects all of us to grow up in him. We need to know our faith is already established on a completed work done in Christ. **Proverbs 29:18** says "where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint"; meaning no way to resist.

Next month we will cover the signs that are noticeable of Christians saying they are in faith, but they may not be; simply because of the visible fruit or lack of, that they bear in their lives. Let us be Christians that desire to grow in our faith!

God Bless You,

Pastor Jann



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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning
10:30 AM

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7:00 PM

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So he answered and said to me:
"This is the word of the Lord to
Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by
power, but by My Spirit,' Says the
Lord of hosts."

Zechariah 4:6

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Oct 26th Sign up in the Loft.
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@7PM in GRC Sanctuary.