

# ***FAITH***

**Scripture:** *“And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.” Matthew 17:20*

**Mustard Seed:** Exactly how big is a mustard seed? The seeds are usually about 1 to 2 **millimeters** (0.039 to 0.079 in) in diameter (Pictures of a mustard seed in comparison to a penny and holding it between your fingers).



Mustard seeds are very tiny. As hard as it may seem at times, God only asks us to have faith the size of a mustard seed. I think we make things or problems bigger than they are because even though we say we have faith that God will provide, answer our prayers, meet our needs or whatever, we as humans tend to dwell on the situation instead of completely surrendering it to God. Saying “I have faith” is easy, sure, but we have to act on that faith. As we can see, God is not asking us to have a barrel full of faith. He only asks us to have just a very small amount of faith. The devil tries to make us think that our situation is way out of control or too big and will never get better, but I know different. God has made a way for me & my family too many times for me to doubt. **Hebrews 11:6** tells us that *“without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He will reward those that diligently seek Him.”* In order to please God we MUST have faith. It’s the prerequisite to the reward.

We need to remember that God doesn’t always answer our need when WE want it or how WE want it, but in His time & His way. Even when it seems all of our faith has been drained from us, God is never late. His delay doesn’t mean denial. We must keep the faith, keep trusting Him and know that in His time He will answer. Trusting Him, or having faith in Him, means rising above our human weaknesses that are pulling us down like a strong gravitational force that keeps us in a position far below from where God wants us to operate as His children. Faith glorifies God in the context of trusting Him as who He is and what He’s able to do in relation to what He promises in His word.

**Hebrews 11:1** says, *“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* We must have the confidence that whatever we have need, God will provide and faith gives us the assurance about things we cannot see. I too sometime find myself making things bigger than what they are, but I have to remember how much (or little) faith that God tells us to have. It’s not very much at all, so why should we beat ourselves up and make it seem like we need lots & lots of faith. I pray that God will help me to always remember that I only need about 1 to 2 millimeters of faith. As long as we put our trust in Him, He will never let us down or dissappoint us.

**Prayer:** *Lord help me to trust you in all things. Forgive me for the times I have placed my trust in fear or in myself instead of you. Your word teaches us that it doesn’t not have to be BIG faith, but just a tiny measure of faith. Thank you for loving me as your own and being there when I need you the most. In Jesus Name, Amen!*

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