

INSIDE
IDEAS

Mountain-Moving Faith for the Valley

MATTHEW 17:14-21

I. Jesus encountered _____ faith from an unlikely person.

And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." vv. 14-16

FAITH COMBINES a dependency on God with a knowledge of God.

II. Jesus rebuked the _____ faith of an unbelieving generation.

And Jesus answered, "O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. vv. 17-18

FAITH BELIEVES what God has already revealed rather than requiring further proof.

III. Jesus described the _____ of faith it would take to move mountains.

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." vv. 19-21

FAITH FOCUSES on fulfilling God's will, in God's way, so God is most glorified.

DON'T PUT YOUR FAITH IN YOURSELF ...

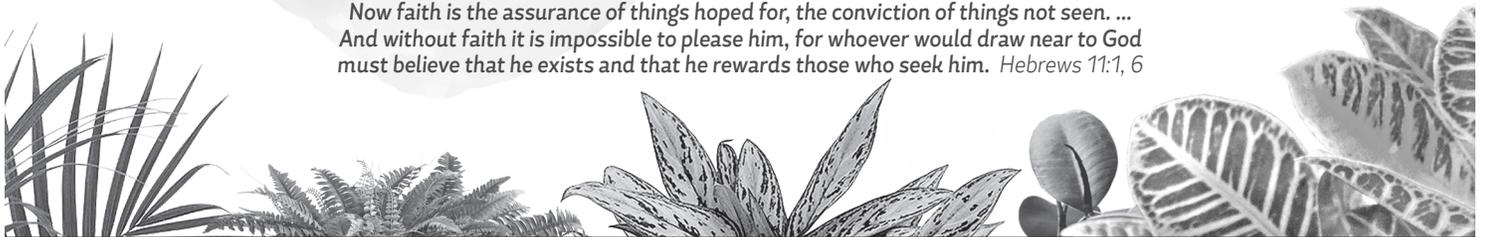
WHETHER
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OR IN THE
VALLEY

Put your faith in God's _____ by focusing on His faithfulness.

Put your faith in God's _____ by relying on His power.

Put your faith in God's _____ by submitting your plans to Him.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ...
And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God
must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:1, 6





1. Think of a time when you hoped God would act in a certain way, but He didn't, and you were disappointed. How has this sermon helped you better understand that situation?

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER Join us on Monday, Aug. 1 as we gather in prayer with one another. We look forward to a time of worshiping God for who He is and what He has done. There will be a time of prayer for our families, our church and our city. You can also join us online through a live broadcast. Learn more by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

STEPS TO DISCIPLESHIP As we continue to walk out our mission of Be One, Make One, Reach One, our hope is to continually give you opportunities to be equipped as disciples of Jesus. Join us in the Oak Room beginning Sunday, Aug. 7 from 5-7 p.m. for an eight-week class that covers how to know, understand and apply the Great Commission to our daily lives. Learn more today about registration by visiting ccbcfamily.org/events.

KIDSCAMP TO GO KidsCamp is the best week of the summer where kids Grade 1-4 learn all about the gospel with crazy games, rock concert sing-alongs, funny skits and Bible lessons with a small group of kids their age. This year you can take the fun to your backyard! KidsCamp To Go is an outreach opportunity to host your own KidsCamp at home. When you sign up, you'll get a box with all supplies and teaching materials included. Learn more at ccbcfamily.org/events.

VOLUNTEER WITH KIDS MINISTRY Are you looking for a place to serve this summer? Our Kids Ministry is an incredible place to grow in your own faith and pour into the lives of the next generation. You will see firsthand the gospel take shape and root in the hearts of every child that walks through our doors. You won't want to miss what God is going to do this summer! To learn more, email childrens@christchapelbc.org.

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LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.

FOR THIS WEEK

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 17:20

"For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

JOURNAL:

Matthew 17:14-21

"Little faith is the kind of faith that believes in God when you have something in your hand, when His provision is already made. When things were going well with the disciples and everything seemed under control, they found it easy to trust their Lord. But as soon as circumstances became uncertain or threatening, their faith withered. Their faith was like the faith of most believers in all ages. When they are healthy and have the necessities of life, their faith is great and strong, but when they are in need, their faith is small and gives way to doubt. Great faith trusts God when there is nothing in the cupboard to eat and no money to buy food. Great faith trusts in God when health is gone, work is gone, reputation is gone, or family is gone. Great faith trusts God while the windstorm is still howling and persecution continues. The Lord was giving the disciples a sample of what their lives would be like once He had returned to heaven, when they could no longer see Him or touch Him or talk with Him in the way they were used to doing. He was also teaching them persistence. ... The disciples could not heal the demonized boy, even though they had Jesus' commission and promised power, because they did not persist in dependent prayer. Throughout the ages believers often have failed to receive God's promised joy, freedom, forgiveness, guidance, fruitfulness, protection, wisdom and countless other blessings simply because, like those disciples, they have not persisted in prayer."

JOHN MACARTHUR

2. Read Matthew 17:14-21. What did the disciples fail to understand, and what is Jesus trying to teach them here?

3. How do we expect God to answer prayer the way we want, no matter how noble our expectations? Why do we desire the faith for healing but not desire the faith to endure when His will differs from our expectations?

4. The size of our faith isn't important; what's important is in Whom we place our faith. What have you learned of God's character that helps your own faith to grow?

5. What do you need to bring to Jesus to fulfill His will, His way, so He is most glorified?

JOURNAL Matthew 17:14-21

How does this passage encourage you to persist in prayer for something or someone? How does persisting in this way grow your faith in God?