



**SERIES: MY LIFE WITH GOD**

## **A Seed of Faith**

**Life References: Mark 11:22-24 and Matthew 17:20**

**Focus Verse:**

***"...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 for you" (Matthew 17:20, New King James).***

Jesus described a positive faith experience in Matthew 17:20 when He said that a tiny seed of faith can move a mountain. Not only move a mountain, but move it to where you tell it to go!

By modern definition, faith is described as a "belief and trust in and loyalty to God" (www.Merriam-Webster.com). In application, faith in God is knowing that He hears your prayers and understands your situation. It is the assurance that you do not have to cope with difficulties alone. Faith in God is not optional (Mark 11:22; Hebrews 11:6). Faith is vital to being a whole person spiritually.



Faith in God has a sustaining power that defies definition and logic. It will bring you through a crisis. It will be your doorway to a miracle in a hopeless situation. It will give you peace in chaos. It will make you smile when there is nothing to smile about.



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## **Life Reflection:**

Think about a time of personal crisis when divine intervention was needed. Describe how you felt at that time.

How did your faith help you cope with that crisis?

Jesus told the apostles that they could move a mountain with faith like a mustard seed—a seed about one millimeter in diameter. That is like saying you can move mountains with the tip of a toothpick. This seemed so incredible to the apostles that they responded, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:5).

The apostles coped with crises in their lives then as you do today. Their positive or negative reactions determined their future. Your reaction to a current crisis will affect you similarly. Faith can make you a survivor. Do you have faith? Yes, you do! According to Romans 12:3, you have been given a measure of faith. How you apply your faith will determine how each crisis affects you.

## **Life Reflection:**

Looking back, was your faith strengthened during the crisis or after the event?

What lessons can you use from that crisis to strengthen your faith today?



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A seed of faith is not intended to lie dormant. It was designed to be planted; designed to grow. As your faith increases, it will give you boldness. It will strengthen you to believe for even greater miracles.

**“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16, New King James).**

## Life Response:

Faith and hope work together to accomplish the impossible. When your faith is weak and hope diminishes, take positive steps. Strengthen your faith by reading the Word aloud in your daily devotions. Memorize Scriptures that encourage you the most. As you speak them, believe that these promises were designed specifically with you in mind—that they are God’s personal promises to you.

Keep a prayer list or journal. Write the need and the date you first prayed. When you see God working, even in the tiniest increments, record each date. Highlight the final date when the situation concluded. When your faith is weak, review the highlighted dates. They will be reminders that God heard you then and is listening to you now.

When you hear good reports from others, rejoice with them. Share their joy while you look forward to the day when they will rejoice with you.

Keep praying!

**“Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere” (Ephesians 6:18, New Living Translation).**

## My Prayer:

Dear Lord, I claim the promise in Your Word that You have given me a measure of faith. I can move mountains of uncertainty, doubt, apprehension, and fear with mustard seed faith. I will nourish that tiny seed of faith You planted in me until it grows into a flourishing tree of faith to believe for all things. Amen.





## More Life with God References:

Matthew 9:22  
Matthew 15:28  
Mark 9:23  
Luke 12:28  
Romans 1:8  
Romans 5:2  
Romans 10:17  
2 Corinthians 5:7  
Hebrews, Chapter 11

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