

Message Notes



“Seeds of Faith”

Conclusion to the series: “Increase: Growing the Power to Believe”
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“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.” (Luke 17:5-6 ESV)

Jesus asks a lot from those who follow Him.

“And he said to his disciples, ‘Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, “I repent,” you must forgive him.” (Luke 17:1-4 ESV)

If we put our trust in Jesus, His power through us will accomplish the impossible.

“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us...” (Ephesians 3:20 ESV)

“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.” (Matthew 17:20 ESV)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.” (John 14:12-14 ESV)

Through us the truth is proclaimed and through us we become examples of God’s grace and compassion for others.

“...that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (2 Corinthians 5:19-20 ESV)

