

Sermon Notes: Mustard Seed Faith

Matthew 13:31-32

Matthew 17:14-21

Mark 11:20-24

Why couldn't the disciples cure the boy?

Matthew 17:14-21

- Unbelief = little or no faith = when fear, lust & pride dominate your heart

Where does unbelief come from?

- exposure to a faithless and perverse generation - worldly thinking
- Parable of the sower, **Matthew 13**
- Unbelief can reduce/destroy faith

How can you overcome unbelief?

- guard your heart, **Proverbs 4:20-23**
- Waiting on the Lord via fasting, meditation and prayer, **Isaiah 40:31**

What is the power of a seed?

- A seed is a gift from God; what you do with it determines your harvest
- A seed carries limitless life-producing power. Starts small but grows and multiplies to produce harvest in time

How does the mustard seed grow into a tree?

Matthew 13:31-32

- plant it into good soil,
- Give it regular water, fresh air, sunshine and time
- protect it from weeds and parasites

What is the spiritual mustard seed?

- the Word of God, **Luke 8:11**
- the Word carries limitless life-producing power
- Faith is not the seed! **Romans 10:17**
- Faith is the life inside the seed of the Word

What is faith as a grain of mustard seed?

- It's not talking about little faith!
- It refers to the limitless life-producing power of a grain of mustard seed.
- Great faith can come from a little Word of God if you allow it to grow and multiply in your heart

How can you increase your faith?

- Hearing the Word, **Romans 10:17**
- Acting on the Word, **James 2:26**
- This includes reading, listening, meditating, fellowshiping, confessing, speaking and obeying the Word, **Joshua 1:8**

What are the features of mustard seed faith?

Matthew 17:19-20, Mark 11:22-23

- It is available to all as a gift from God
- It comes by hearing the Word
- It is based on believing the Word
- It is unmixed with unbelief
- It refuses to bow to impossibilities
- It is bold and it speaks
- It believes that those things it says will come to pass
- It perseveres in believing & speaking
- It holds fast and never backs off
- It grows big by meditation, confession, speaking and obeying the Word
- It delivers tangible results
- It can overcome all impossibilities