MESSAGE NOTES 03.09.25 SERIES: EASTER IF'S – WEEK 1 MAT. 17:20 **MESSAGE: "MUSTARD SEED FAITH"**

"Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness." MATT 10:1

"⁴At the foot of the mountain, a large crowd was waiting for them. A man came and knelt before Jesus and said, ¹⁵ Lord, have mercy on my son. He has seizures and suffers terribly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. ¹⁶So I brought him to your disciples, but they couldn't heal him.' ¹⁷Jesus said, 'You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.' ¹⁸Then Jesus rebuked the demon in the boy, and it left him. From that moment the boy was well. ¹⁹Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, 'Why couldn't we cast out that demon?' 20'You don't have enough faith,' Jesus told them. 'I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.'" MAT 17:14-20

MYTH: Sometimes, we think that IF we can only muster up more faith from within ourselves, **THEN** we can accomplish more

TRUTH: IF our faith, even IF it's the size of a mustard seed, is placed in our all-powerful God, **THEN** areat things can happen

- Faith is a powerful _____ from God ٠
- Faith is not simply believing _____ Jesus, it is continually ٠ depending _____ him
- Jesus is the _____ of our faith •
- The emphasis is on _____ not _____ ٠ of faith
- The point: ______ when it comes from God ٠
- Jesus reveals the incalculable of God ٠ unleashed from those with true faith

REQUIREMENT: Like a seed, faith won't if it is not planted and tended properly

"The seed is God's word." LUKE 8:11

"Humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls." JAS 1:21

"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness." COL 2:7

GROWING FAITH...

Practice radical

"If you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." MAT 6:15

Be intentional about your

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me." JN 15:4

Make God's

"Seek the Kingdom of God above all else." MAT 6:33

____ who and what you're listening to

"For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear." 2 TIM 4:3

Develop an _____ of _____

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." 1 THES 5:18

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"It is not the amount of faith which brings the impossible within reach, but the power of God, which is available to even the 'smallest' faith." R.T. France