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Title: How Much Faith Does It Take to Move a Mountain?

Text: Matthew 21:17-22

Jesus Rebuked His Disciples for Having "little faith."

Matthew 6:30 - If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

Matthew 8:26 - He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

Matthew 14:31 - Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 16:8 - Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?"

Matthew 17:20 - He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 8:10 - When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."

Jesus Also Acknowledged Those Who Showed Great Faith

Matthew 15:28 - Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Luke 7:9 - When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel."

What Are Some Indications That We Have Little Faith?

1. We continually have doubts.

James 1:6 - But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

2. We fail to Pray.

Mark 11:24 - Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

3. We fear the circumstances we face.

Matthew 14:30 - But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Matt 14:30

4. We fail to learn God's Word.

Matthew 4:4 - Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

5. We fail to remember what the Lord has done in the past.

Faith Can Grow to Become a More Mature Faith.

2 Corinthians 10:15 - Neither do we go beyond our limits by boasting of work done by others. Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand.

2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

The result will be the mountains in our life will no longer keep us from living in fear.