

AS A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED

CHILDREN'S
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that their ears would be open, that their hearts would understand and that they would be encouraged and lifted up to move in righteousness. In Jesus' name, amen.

Are you ready, children? When Brother duCille was here, he talked to us about being sons. You, children, have heard that before, haven't you? We all want to be like Jesus. We want to be sons of God. Brother duCille talked about what was wrong with us and how

Oh God, we are so thankful that you met us this morning, that You were so good to us to speak to us, to show us how much You love us and to receive our praise, adoration and worship. God, we just want You to continue to speak to us. We want You to open our hearts and move through us and work in us that we would be in a place where we would receive Your Word and that we would follow after it and it would become life in us that is flowing through us and making us into the sons You have called us to be. We ask that You would bless this word. I ask that You would bless me as I speak, that I would speak forth Your words of life. I also ask that You would bless the children as they hear the word

we need change in us. But when you hear about what is wrong with you and how you need to change, do you ever think, "I will never get over this! I will never be able to overcome! I will always have this problem!" For example, when you are really frustrated in the morning before church. You are really, really, really having a hard time. Do you ever say, "I am never going to be any different. I am always going to have this problem. I can't overcome!"

Do you think that you can be perfect? We are supposed to think that we can be, but a lot of the times we think that we can't. We think we can't make it. Do you get upset at your brothers or sisters over the same thing over and over

again? When that happens to me, I start getting a little bit frustrated that I am never going to get over this, that I am never going to get better at what I am supposed to be doing.

Let me share with you some verses out of the Bible that show what I am going to talk to you about today. Matthew 17:14 is where we are going to start. Isaac, will you help me with this, please? I am going to start and when I get to

verse 17, it will be your turn to read. Is everybody listening? Verse 14, *And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying,* ¹⁵*Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and*

sore vexed: for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. ¹⁶*And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.*

Isaac: ¹⁷*Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me.* ¹⁸*And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.*

¹⁹*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out?* ²⁰*And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.* ²¹*Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*



Mrs. Trotter: Did you children hear what Jesus said? *Because of your unbelief...if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove; and nothing shall be im-*

possible unto you.

Do you know what a mustard seed is? I have some of those seeds here to show you. Do each one of you want to take one and look at it? You have to be careful when you pick it up, because they are very tiny. Look really closely. They almost disappear in your hand if you are not careful. How did you get so many? You are supposed to get just one as all you need is one. Jesus said, *a grain of*

mustard seed. You don't need four. All right, everybody has one. Keep them. I want you to be able to look at them. Can you see your mustard seed? You didn't lose it yet, did you?

Brother duCille shared a verse with us from Galatians 3:6, *Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.* Abraham believed God. He had that faith *as a grain of mustard seed.* Do you see the seed? Do you see how tiny it is? Abraham had faith in God. He believed God and God said, "I am counting it to you for righteousness."

God is saying the same thing to us. No matter how difficult our souls may be or what may be inside of them, we need to believe God and He will count it to us for righteousness. Can you believe God that much? Can you believe that God is God just that much? I think you can. It is awfully small. All you have to believe is just a little bit in our big, big God.

All right, what are some examples of things that we believe in that will help you to understand? Every morning something happens and you are sure it is going to happen. Do you know what it is?

Isaac: You are going to have breakfast.

Mrs. Trotter: No, I am not sure of breakfast every morning. What happens every morning that makes it morning?

Children: The sun comes up.

Mrs. Trotter: The sun comes up! Now, do you wonder every night when you go to bed, "God, are You going to bring the sun up in the morning?"

Children: No.

Mrs. Trotter: We don't do that, do we? I do not ask God to make sure He remembers to get the sun up in the morning. Every morning the sun comes up. Do you believe it? Do you believe when you go to bed that it is going to be morn-



ing soon and the sun is going to come up?

Children: Yes.

Mrs. Trotter: Yes, every day. Isaac, I need your help again. Jump up, please. When you come to church, do you sit in a chair? What do you do when you go to sit in it?

Child: Trust that it is going to hold you.

Mrs. Trotter: Do you really trust that it is going to hold you? Do you have faith that this chair is meant to sit on and

it is going to hold you? Or, do you walk up to it and beg God to make it hold you? Do you ask Him, "Shall I sit down?"

Children: No.

Mrs. Trotter: Isaac, try it, sit down. Oh, it did hold him! He didn't even think about it. He walked right up and sat down. Why? Because he believed it would hold him. He believed in this little thing that God made, a chair, and the chair held him when he sat in it.

How about when you get in a car? Do you think, "Oh, look, there is another car. It is going to swerve over here and hit me." Do you think things like that? Or, do you believe that God will keep you safe, that He will keep those other cars on their side of the road and your car on your side of the road so that you would not be harmed? You believe God, don't you?

You believe that God is keeping you safe when you ride your bike. God keeps you safe when you ride it even though sometimes you ride it where you shouldn't ride it. But you believe that He will keep you safe.

How about this one? What is going to happen when I press the button on this overhead projector?

Child: It is going to turn on.

Mrs. Trotter: It is going to turn on. What is going to happen, though?

Child: A light is going to turn on.

Mrs. Trotter: A light is going to come out.

How about this: Every time you walk into your bedroom and turn the light switch on, do you think, "I wonder if the light is going to come on today?" Or, do you just flip the switch knowing that God who made the electricity, knowing that God, who set up every-

thing and everything that you see is what He made, is going to make the light turn on. Yes?

How about when you go in the bathroom to brush your teeth? What do you do with the water?

Children: You turn it on.

Mrs. Trotter: You turn it on. When

you grab that faucet, does the water come out?

Children: Yes.

Mrs. Trotter: It is supposed to. 99% of the time it should turn on. We would hope at least. I always walk into the bathroom and turn the water on without ever questioning whether the water is going to come on. That is faith that the water is going to come out and God is providing me with the water.

How about in the springtime? What



do you guys expect in the springtime?

Children: Flowers!

Mrs. Trotter: You expect flowers. You expect that black dirt to produce something. You expect the green stuff to start growing up out of it. I expect my trees to stop looking all sad and start putting out their little green leaves so that I can see the beauty of God's creation come alive again. Do you expect that? Do you believe that every spring God is going to do that for us? He is going to bring forth the grass and the tree leaves and the flowers and we are going to enjoy His beauty.

These things are easy to believe, aren't they? It is pretty easy to believe that the chair is going to hold you, isn't it? It is pretty easy to believe that the light is going to turn on. It is pretty easy to believe that the grass is going to grow. It is pretty easy to believe these things. Who makes them all happen? God does and so it is easy to believe God. See that little, tiny thing in your hand? Or, did you lose it already? It is pretty easy to believe God if He says that it is all that we need. Just have that little bit of belief in Him and He can do great things because of it.

Can you believe Him that He can fix your soul? That little, tiny belief is all

you need to have and He can do a great, big thing and clean out all of the problems that you have inside your soul and make you a son. Can you believe that no matter how many problems there are in the world, or how bad it could get, He could still take care of us? All you need is that little, tiny bit of faith. He doesn't ask you to believe a mountain size amount of faith so that only then He might do something for you. He says, "Just believe in Me that little bit," and it is all it takes for Him to do things like move mountains.



Can you hold up your mustard seed? Everybody look at it. It is a little tiny thing. Show everybody in the rows behind you what your mustard seed looks like. You probably can't even see it, can you? You probably can't see

Lily's seed down there, but you can see yours and that is all it takes. That is all you have to have. You just believe God that little bit and He will count it to you for righteousness and will take care of the rest.

When you, children, play together, sometimes it happens that one of you gets pretty grumpy. Do you ever think, "I don't like to play with him, because he is always grumpy!"? Or, "I don't like to play with her, because she is always

bossy!”? Do you ever think things like that? “I don’t want to play with them anymore.” Well, God says, “Take a look at your little mustard seed.” You just need to believe that little bit that God can touch that person’s soul and change them. Isaac, God can change you. That little bit of belief is all it takes and He can change your soul. You can also start to pray for others with that little bit of faith in God that He would change them.

You can ask Him to work in them as He works in you. He can clean out all the big problems you have and clean out all the big problems they have.

Luke 17:5 is the last verse I want to share with you today. Caleb, do you want to read it? Jump up and read really loud.

Caleb: *5And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. 6And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycam-ine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.*

Mrs. Trotter: Did you hear that part? *And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed...* You could say unto the tree, be thou plucked up and removed and planted in the sea. Have you ever tried to pull out a big tree? Can

you put your arms around it and pull it out? Could ten of us go out, tie a rope to a tree and pull it out? I have pulled small trees out of my garden. Those things are hard to get out! What then if it is a big, full grown tree? God says, “All you need is that little bit of faith,” and He can do great things. He can look at you and say, “You just believe Me that little bit and I will take out every bit of disobedience and stubbornness inside of

you that you have problems with. All you have to do is believe that little bit. Can we do that? Can we believe that for our friends that are having trouble? Can we believe that for our mommies and daddies when they are not so happy? Can we believe just that little bit? Yes, we can.

I was really encouraged when the meeting today started going in the direction of faith. God was saying, “Just believe that I am God. I am the God of all creation. I made everything.” God made everything that you see, everything that you touch, everything that is a part of your life. And He says, “All you have to do is believe that little bit in Me and I can do everything inside of you.” As Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him for righteousness, so we can believe God and God will count it to us for righteousness.

