## **Make Mountains Move**

In Matthew 17:20, Jesus tells his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there', and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."---NASB

In the passage, Jesus was answering the disciples' question of why they were not able to drive out the demon from the young boy. Have you ever wanted to ask Jesus why after all you are doing to address your situation you are not able to see the solution? You're reading your Bible, going to church, and praying, but still, it doesn't seem to be changing anything. What's missing?

His answer to all of us would be the same as His answer to the disciples' question, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" they asked. Jesus answered, "Because of the littleness of your faith." So how small was their faith? It had to be smaller than a mustard seed. And how small is a mustard seed? It's about the size of the tip of an average pencil point! Pretty small...tiny, in fact. Yet Jesus just gave them an example of how very small faith---the size of a mustard seed—will move a mountain. But it's not the size of the seed that matters, it's what is inside of the seed that matters the most. When planted, inside that mustard seed is a fifteen-foot tree. The seed is tiny, but the life inside is huge.

What makes faith small is the absence of spiritual life inside of it. When something doesn't have life, it cannot grow. But a living faith, *will* move mountains. Just like an acorn can crack a slab of concrete in two because the nature of the life inside of the acorn is stronger than the nature of the concrete. That is the *living* strength in your faith that Jesus says will move mountains.

Whatever is standing in your way, whether it be a mountain of fear in these uncertain times, loneliness, financial stress or challenging health issues, when *your* living faith aligns with the will of Almighty God, you *will* overcome and move that mountain.

What is the size of your faith? That of a tiny seed in the palm of your hand or a tree bursting forth with new growth.

Can you imagine how different things might be if you embraced life with real living faith?

Wouldn't it be something to speak to your "mountains" and see them move?

The closer your spirit comes to His Spirit in alignment, the greater life you will have within your faith and as He promised, "nothing will be impossible for you."

This Saturday, September 26, from 9am to 11am we have an opportunity for relational and intentional communication with God to **Pray for America**, here at Hope with our Bibles, praying the Scriptures alongside many others on that day across our nation to focus our prayers on touching Heaven to change earth...Move The Mountain!

It is our prayer that we will all exhibit a living faith while presenting to the world Christ's compassion and in the authority and power that He has promised...immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.