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The Mission of  
FBCWR:  
*Connecting People  
to God's Life-  
Changing Power*  
  
*We've Got  
Connections!*

*To those with mustard  
seed (small) faith:*

Nothing will be  
impossible  
to you.

*Jesus -  
Matthew 17:20*

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## Big Problems—Small Solution

*Matthew 17:19-21 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?"*

*And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting".*

In this session of Jesus' school of advanced theological training, He pulls back the curtain on the unseen and gives us an absolutely stunning glimpse of spiritual reality. His disciples had been trying to cast out a demon from a boy. Nothing. Nada. The demon continued to hurl the boy to the ground. They couldn't understand. They'd barked the "come out" command to numerous more cooperative demons. Why didn't their spiel work this time?

When Jesus arrives on the scene, He was not happy with their little glitch. Consider His initial response, "*You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me*" (verse 17). Keep in mind He was talking to the disciples, not the crowds. He then quickly casts out the demon.

### The Key to Power in Prayer

So why did Jesus succeed where the disciples failed? Jesus said it all boiled down to one thing—faith. Theirs was too small. Faith doesn't even have to be very big. What is key is the greatness of the object of faith—the heavenly Father. The problem was they had no faith in this instant. If they had faith the size of even a tiny mustard seed they could

have moved mountains. That's a bit scary to me. These guys have been following Him around for a couple years and their faith has not even budged the needle on the believe-o-meter. Yet outwardly they are commanding demons to come out of people.

### Stubborn Problems?

Hey, wait a minute. Could this same lack of faith be the cause of some of my lingering struggles? I smack up against brick walls of inadequate resources, bad habits and trouble in relationships. I wear myself out trying to keep the plates spinning and all the balls in the air. Would some mountains be moved if I spoke words of relocation to them with Jesus' authority and prayed and fasted? Answer: yes. That is what HE said. I know, I know,

"but, but, but..." "But it must be His will". "But you can't be passive". "But God doesn't work that way much anymore". **But**, aren't the "buts" just a sophisticated form of doubt—unbelief in sheep's clothing? No wonder we stagger and stumble

through life. We're well acquainted with earth's natural order but strangers to supernatural expressions of His power.

So will you get busy with me in prayer? We have another 24 Hour prayer chain coming up on June 26th. Sign up for an hour and pray hard. Take time every day to pray hard and build your faith by meditating on His Word. Certainly then we will see the wonder of God's power. Many of those tough problems will just go away. I definitely count the healing that I had from fourth stage metastatic melanoma cancer as proof that this church's prayers of faith "work".

*Joe Fornear*

