



# Mustard Seeds

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**Text: Hebrews 12:1–2 (NLT)** *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.*

## Intro: Review Last Week - Faith “As” A Mustard Seed

### I. The Hebrews 11 Heroes of Faith

- A. “By faith” they did many incredible things
- B. We have called them heroes because of their faith and given them credit for what was obtained leaving God out of the picture
- C. Through “faith” the worlds were formed. Who created the world?
- D. I believe just as “God is love,” that God is faith
- E. You can’t have their faith without having their relationship with God

### II. Faith Obtained Apart From A Relationship With God is Dangerous

- A. Allowing people to experience miracles apart from a relationship with God would be a recipe for disaster  
**Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)** *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*
- B. Answers to prayer come from diligently seeking God
- C. God does not impart to us what He has, He imparts to us who He is

### III. Understanding the Role of \_\_\_\_\_ in Our Faith

- A. He is the Originator of our faith
- B. He is the Perfector of our faith
- C. He is the “seed” that contains the oil  
**John 16:7 (NLT)** *...it is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.*
- D. The planting of His body in the grave gave birth to the release of the Holy Spirit
- E. The power of our faith is measured by the amount of oil on the inside

### IV. Jesus is The Seed That the Sower Planted

**John 1:1, 14 (NKJV)** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...*

- A. The Bible teaches us that Jesus is the Word of God
- B. In Mark 4 Jesus tells us the Parable of the Sower
- C. Some seeds died because they were planted on a highway
- D. Some seeds died because they had no “root”
- E. Some seeds were choked out because of the stress of life, the pursuit of money, and the desire for other things
- F. We cannot tap the oil in the seed if we are too busy
- G. God sowed Jesus into our world, He is the mustard seed/Word of God that has the power to originate faith in our lives

### V. Faith “Comes” By \_\_\_\_\_ The Word of God

**Romans 10:17 (NKJV)** *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- A. Can you receive faith by just sitting in church?
- B. Can you receive faith just by reading your Bible?
- C. Can you receive faith by listening to a recording of the Bible?
- D. Faith does not come by hearing alone
- E. It comes by hearing a “word” *from* God
- F. Hearing from God requires a diligent seeking of Him

### Conclusion: All of the Heroes Received A \_\_\_\_\_ From God

- A. Rhema: A personal, spoken word from God
- B. Listening and hearing are two different things
- C. “Look” unto Jesus
- D. A Rhema from Jesus is what produces God’s faith in our hearts