

Tuesday, March 16

Today's Reading: Matthew Chapter 17

Today's Devotional Message is by Pastor David Rispoli

“So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” Matthew 17:20

Jesus said these amazing words to the people who asked why the disciples could not heal an epileptic boy. They had tried, but they failed. Do you think that Jesus really meant these words? Do you really believe that it is possible to say to mountains, “Mountains be moved,” and have them listen? Jesus said nothing will be impossible for us. Do you believe these words? God wants us to not only believe these words but to trust them as well. All of us have mountains in our lives that need to be moved.

The challenge is that sometimes we suffer from small mindedness and sometimes we suffer from smallness in faith. Small mindedness keeps us from seeing the grandeur, the expanse, and the plan of God. Small in faith means we see little more than what we can pull off ourselves. Both of them rob us from God's best. Jesus had said that he gave his followers authority to cast out demons and cure diseases. The issue is not whether they were capable or had the power. They simply had very small faith. Maybe the problem was caused by Jesus' absence or the seriousness of the boy's condition or the hardness of their hearts, or all three combined. However, they lost faith that Jesus would do what he said he would do. Don't lose faith. Jesus reminds us that it doesn't take a lot -- just a mustard seed amount. Jesus said nothing will be impossible for us. Do you believe these words? I hope so.

Prayer: Dear God, Give us the faith to take your word at face value. Increase our faith to not only believe your word but to trust it with every area of our lives. We pray this in Jesus name, Amen.