

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep.1397: What Does It Mean to Have Faith as a Mustard Seed?

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SHOW NOTES

1. Explain the analogies in Luke 17:5-6 and Matthew 13:31-32. What is the common misconception about the phrase, “If you had faith like a mustard seed”? How should it be interpreted? Was Jesus chastising the disciples?
2. How can we explain the phrase, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:19-24, Matthew 17, Luke 9)
3. Why is it important that the illustration uses a grain of mustard seed, rather than, for instance, a grain of sand?
4. What is the most important focus of our faith? (Matthew 17:20) How would you feel if Jesus categorized your faith as “like a mustard seed”?
5. What does the phrase, “little faith” mean? When the disciples became afraid in the storm, what did they do that was right? What could have used more growth? How did Jesus handle the situation to teach the best lesson? How was this like the father in Mark 9:24? (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:36-41, Luke 8:22-25)
6. What does the knowledge of the magnitude of the Father and son’s power exercised on our behalf mean to your faith? How did Jesus himself lean on the magnitude of God’s power and deliverance for him? What are some of the storms in your life that have enabled you to develop in your faith? (Matthew 26:38-39)
7. When we become anxious, what should our first reaction be? What causes our growth and endurance spiritually? What can we confidently ask of God to help us with our struggles and anxiety? How do we “drain the anxiety out of the tub?” (Matthew 6:27-33, Philippians 4:12, James 1:2-6)
8. What did Peter do right in the incident when Jesus walked on the sea? What could have used more growth? How did Jesus handle the situation? (Matthew 14:26-33, Philippians 3:7-9)
9. What was the purpose of the lesson Jesus gave the disciples in Matthew 16:5-12? Given the promises of 2 Peter 1:2-9, what is expected to happen? Do you see this character growth in yourself?
10. Analyze Philippians 4:4-9 using the four steps outlined in this episode. Apply these steps of developing mustard seed faith to your own Christian growth. How do you:
  - a. realize the **MAGNITUDE** of what is behind and supporting your mustard seed faith?
  - b. recognize the **PERSONAL PRACTICALITY** of dealing with our growth experiences?
  - c. feel the **COMPASSIONATE DELIVERANCE** the Lord provides to give us the strength to carry on?
  - d. lean on the **SPIRITUAL NURTURING** and **GUIDANCE** which grows our mustard seed faith into all it can be?