

# FAITH

*changes everything*

## Faith Changes My Dependence on God

### GETTING STARTED

This week, we are exploring how our faith changes our ability to depend on God. To get started, talk about the following:

- We're nearing the end of our 5-3-1 Challenge. How did that go for you? Who is your 1 that you plan to bring to Easter?
- Since this is our last week in this series, take a moment as you begin to go around the group and share one thing has changed about how you view or practice your faith this series.
- What is a question that this series has left you with? What would you like to know more about?
- What does it mean to put your faith into practice? Can you think of a time when you had to act on faith alone?

Pray together: God, thank you for the gift of faith. Sometimes it's hard to have and sometimes it takes a lot of trust to follow you. No matter what situations we find ourselves in, or what life brings, help us believe that you are present and that your love for us is constant. Amen.



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## Matthew 17:14-21

*14 When they came to the crowd, a man came to him, knelt before him, 15 and said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; he often falls into the fire and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him." 17 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him here to me." 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" 20 He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I tell 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 for you."*



## Sermon & Scripture Discussion

Read this week's Scripture together, then discuss:

- What word or phrase of this week's Scripture stands out to you? Why?
- The disciples feel stuck because they weren't able to heal the boy. What areas of your life and faith do you feel stuck in? What would it look like for you to move beyond where you are right now?
- Similar to a mustard seed, our faith can start very small but grow to something significant. What has to happen in us for that kind of growth to take place?
- Jesus' illustration of "moving mountains" referred to a very real situation that the original hearers would have recognized. Take a moment and replace that example with a "mountain" from our current world. How does it impact you to frame this modern-day challenge through the lens of faith?
- Pastor Rob says that, "Faith is the difference between seeing ourselves the way WE see ourselves, or seeing ourselves the way GOD sees us." In what areas of your life could you have a truer view of how God sees you? What would that make possible?

## Prayer Requests

*"Faith changes the mountains we choose to face."*

*-Rev. Rob Fuquay*