



## I. INTRO

- A. There are many things we consider impossible – but what if they're not?

**Matthew 17:19-20 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” <sup>20</sup> He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

- The problem that Jesus was addressing is that the disciples couldn't handle a problem because their faith was too small
- The mountain is whatever you determine to be impossible

## II. WHAT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE TO YOU?

- A. What is it that's impossible to me right now?
- B. Faith is the ability to look at the seed and see the harvest

**Ephesians 3:20 (NIV)** Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us,

- C. According to the power at work “IN” you
- The Greek word *energeo* - energize

## III. MAYBE FAITH

- A. Faith energizes the power that's already in us

**Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- My faith takes the place of the unseen thing – faith stands in the place of what I don't see
- Faith is two things – substance and evidence – of the thing I don't see or have
- Faith has to be added to hope for it to ever have any substance in it

- B. An earth mover is worthless if there's no earth to move

- C. Maybe faith

- We have to start somewhere and we have to start small

**1 Samuel 13:2-4a (TLB)** <sup>2</sup> [Saul] ... selected three thousand special troops and took two thousand of them with him to Michmash and Mount Bethel while the other thousand remained with Jonathan, Saul's son, in Gibeah in the land of Benjamin. The rest of the army was sent home. <sup>3-4a</sup> Then Jonathan attacked and destroyed the garrison of the Philistines at Geba. The news spread quickly throughout the land of the Philistines, and Saul sounded the call to arms throughout Israel.



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## From Here to There

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### Part 1 - What if?



**1 Samuel 13:5-7 (TLB)** <sup>5</sup>The Philistines recruited a mighty army of three thousand chariots, six thousand horsemen, and so many soldiers that they were as thick as sand along the seashore; and they camped at Michmash east of Beth-aven. <sup>6</sup>When the men of Israel saw the vast mass of enemy troops, they lost their nerve entirely and tried to hide in caves, thickets, coverts, among the rocks, and even in tombs and cisterns. <sup>7</sup>Some of them crossed the Jordan River and escaped to the land of Gad and Gilead. Meanwhile, Saul stayed at Gilgal, and those who were with him trembled with fear at what awaited them.

**1 Samuel 13:19 (TLB)** There were no blacksmiths at all in the land of Israel in those days, for the Philistines wouldn't allow them for fear of their making swords and spears for the Hebrews.

**1 Samuel 13:22 (TLB)** So there was not a single sword or spear in the entire "army" of Israel that day, except for Saul's and Jonathan's.

**1 Samuel 14:1 (TLB)** A day or so later, Prince Jonathan said to his young bodyguard, "Come on, let's cross the valley to the garrison of the Philistines." But he didn't tell his father that he was leaving.

**1 Samuel 14:6-7 (TLB)** "Yes, let's go across to those heathen," Jonathan had said to his bodyguard. "Perhaps the Lord will do a miracle for us. For it makes no difference to him how many enemy troops there are!" <sup>7</sup>"Fine!" the youth replied. "Do as you think best; I'm with you heart and soul, whatever you decide."

D. The source of power

**Romans 1:16 (NIV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.