



I. INTRO/REVIEW

A. From “here” to “there”

Matthew 17:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” ²⁰ 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.”

- Sound bites from last week
 - 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
 - Faith is the ability to look at a seed and see the harvest
 - What is it that’s impossible to me right now?

B. Faith is confidence in what we hope for

- “Maybe” Faith

Hebrews 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

II. THE POWER OF HOPE

A. Cast not away your confidence

Hebrews 10:35 (NKJV) Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

- Whatever you hope for is how far your confidence, or faith, can expand

II. FROM MAYBE FAITH TO BABY FAITH

A. Become like a child

Matthew 18:1-4 (NLT) About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” ² Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. ³ Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven. ⁴ So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

- Children are born with a great capacity to believe the impossible
 - Kids are gullible

B. Every step, no matter how small, is a victory

- To move from here to there: There will be times you have to crawl before you walk



Zechariah 4:10a (TLB) Do not despise this small beginning, for the eyes of the Lord rejoice to see the work begin ...

- Every step is a victory

IV. DON'T BE AFRAID TO START SMALL

A. Exercise your faith

Hebrews 10:35-36 (NKJV) ³⁵ Therefore do not cast away your confidence, [faith] which has great reward. ³⁶ For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

B. Start small, start with the daily

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) ⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- All the seemingly small, trivial, and minor details of our lives matter to our Father
- The truth is that God cares about what we care about

C. **Before God takes you "there" He wants you to learn to trust Him "here"**

1 Peter 5:7 (NKJV) Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.