

WITH **FAITH**
THE SIZE OF

A
MUSTARD
SEED

When a Little Dab Won't Do -pt2

NOTHING IS
IMPOSSIBLE

Matthew 8:23-27

Every Man has a Measure of Faith

God has Chosen to Give Every Man

- **Chore** - mission
- **Chance** - opportunity
- **Challenges** - problems
- **Confidence** - enabling faith

◦ **Rom 12:3**, "God has given every man a measure of faith"

◦ **Matt 17:20**, "Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed say to this mountain"

Challenges: Problems ...Problems ...Problems

Problem #1 - Uneasy Task - Exhausting Day
Problem #2 - Uneasy Timing - Severe Storm
Problem #3 - Uneasy Temp - Sinking Ship
and.....Sleeping Savior.

Remember(23)

- **Jesus Led into this Storm**
- **They Followed Him Right into a Crisis**
- **God's Will isn't Always Smooth Sailing**

**Chance-
Opportunity of Faith**

Faith in God

...Doesn't Make Things Easy

...It Makes Things Possible

**CHALLENGES
AHEAD**

Lessons in Faith was Upon Them

There is a Difference in...

"Little Faith"

and

"Faith as a...

...Grain of Mustard Seed"

Little Faith

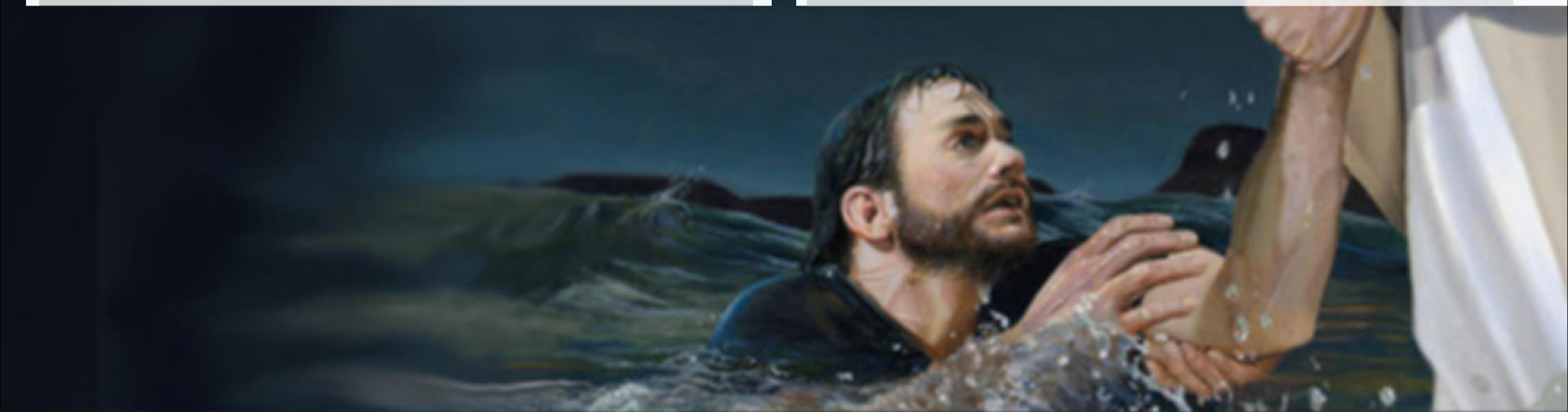
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- Confidence in Self
- Conviction - Problem
...bigger than God
- Confusion / Loss

Mustard Seed Faith

Powerful

- Confidence in God
- Conviction - God
...Bigger than Problem
- Conquest / Gain



Three Principles on the Life of Faith:

- Faith must be Challenged...
...not Pampered
- Faith is not a Life Absent of Conflict...
...but of Conquest in Conflict
- Faith that has not been Tested...
...cannot be Trusted

Principles about the... ...Testing Our of Faith

#1 - God Allows Tests:

- **Search Self -**
...that we might Discover Ourselves.
- **Strengthen Self (inner) -**
...He testing will Strengthen us
...Give validation to our testimony
- **Step Beyond Self-**
...His tests destroy all Self-Sufficiency.

Romans 5:4 "Because of our Faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into **PROBLEMS AND TRIALS**, for we know that they help us **DEVELOP ENDURANCE**. And **ENDURANCE DEVELOPS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER**, and **CHARACTER STRENGTHENS** our Confident **HOPE** of **SALVATION**. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how **DEARLY GOD LOVES US**, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners."

Principles about the... ...Testing Our of Faith

A bar of iron worth \$5.00

- *Wrought into horseshoes is worth \$10.50.*
- *If made into needles it is worth \$350.*
- *Made into penknife blades it's worth \$3,285.*
- *Made into springs for watches it is worth... \$250,000.*

The More it is Manipulated, Hammered and Passed Through the Heat, Beaten, Pounded, and Polished... *the Greater Its Value.*

Principles about the... ...Testing Our of Faith

#2- With Each Test Comes:

- Threat-
 - a-Unexpected
 - although common to area
 - b-Unprepared
 - although seasoned fishermen
- Test-
 - a- Response
 - b- Responsibility
- Testimony
 - He was There All the Time!!!



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1 Peter 1:7 "These **TRIALS** will show that your **FAITH IS GENUINE**. It is being **TESTED** as fire **TESTS** and purifies Gold—though your **FAITH** is far more precious than mere Gold. So when your **FAITH** remains strong through many **TRIALS**, it will bring you much **PRAISE** and **GLORY** and **HONOR** on the Day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the Whole World."