

## Introduction - Faith – Surprisingly Small, Supremely Important

- Faith is foundational to Christian life. Without it, we cannot please God; it is how we are saved and live daily (Hebrews 11:6, Romans 1:17)
- Today's focus: the **Size** of Faith – not about having more, but pure, undiluted faith

## Point 1: Tiny Faith Has Tremendous Power

- **Luke 17:5–6** – Jesus teaches that mustard seed-sized faith is sufficient to do the impossible
- Mustard seed = smallest known seed (Mark 4:31)
- The disciples asked for “more faith,” but Jesus redirected them to **pure, focused faith**

## Point 2: The Real Issue Is Not Little Faith, But Unbelief

- Jesus gently and kindly addressed “little faith” (Matthew 6:30; 8:26; 14:31)
- **Unbelief**, however, is rebuked (Mark 6:5–6; 16:14) and blocks God's power
- Greek distinction:
  - Oligopistos = small faith (not condemned)
  - Apistia = unbelief (competing, contrary beliefs)
- Analogy: **Voice recognition door** – God hears the quiet voice of true faith, but unbelief creates interference

## Point 3: Uproot Unbelief to Unleash Faith

- **Matthew 17:14–21** – Disciples fail to heal due to unbelief, not little faith
- **Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:13–20)** – Weeds represent worldly worries that choke faith
- **Hebrews 3:7–4:11** – Israel couldn't enter the Promised Land due to unbelief
- The Word of God exposes and separates soul (our thoughts) from spirit (God's truth) (Hebrews 4:12) and is the solution for a hard heart (unbelief)

## Conclusion: Practical Life Applications

- Faith is not something we *work up*; it's a gift from God (Ephesians 2:8, Romans 12:3)
- **Application Steps:**
  - Saturate your heart with Scripture – it builds and refines faith
  - Identify and **repent of unbelief** – competing ideas, fears, worldly logic
  - Take thoughts captive (2 Corinthians 10:4-5); let God's truth dominate
  - Choose to listen to God's *still small voice* over the noise of doubt

## Questions

1. What stood out to you most about the idea that even a mustard seed of faith is enough?
2. Can you think of a time when other “voices” (like fear or doubt) crowded out your faith? What helped you refocus on God?
3. What's one practical step you could take this week to let God's Word go deeper in your heart and to uproot unbelief?