

**THE KINGS AUTHORITY & WORLDLY OPPOSITION  
FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS**

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**PREACHING POINT: We must counter any lack of faith on our part by remembering that even the smallest measure of faith, empowered by God, is sufficient to accomplish anything He wants us to do!**

**Matthew 17:14–23 (ESV)**

14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” 17 And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed 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 say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.” 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men, 23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day.” And they were greatly distressed.

1. **Stop \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.14-18)**
2. **Resolve \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.19-20)**

1. **Pray \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vv.22-23)**

**Application Questions**

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today’s study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about LifeGroups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please visit compasshillcountry.org/lifegroups or email us at info@compasshillcountry.org.*

1. Write down one observation or application you found helpful from this week’s sermon.

*This Week’s  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**September 14th**

*Proverbs 25-27 & 2 Cor 6*

**September 15th**

*Proverbs 28-29 & 2 Cor 7*

**September 16th**

*Proverbs 30-31 & 2 Cor 8*

**September 17th**

*Ecc 1-3 & 2 Cor 9*

**September 11th**

*Ecc 4-6 & 2 Cor 10*

**September 18th**

*Ecc 7-9 & 2 Cor 11:1-15*

**September 19th**

*Ecc 10-12 & 2 Cor 11:16-33*

**September 20th**

*Song of Sol 1-3 & 2 Cor 12*

1. Read James 4:17. What excuses do we often use when we deflect or neglect our responsibility to act in faith to what God has made clear?
2. How have you been guilty of downplaying your lack of faith?  
     
     
     
     
   1. Read Luke 17:5–6. How does this verse reveal the underlying issue when we neglect to do what God has given us the ability to do?
3. Read Hebrews 11:8. How does Arbraham’s example of faith help you understand what it looks like to act in accordance with your faith in God’s revealed will?
4. Read Hebrews 10:35–36. Since living faithfully to God brings both joy and trials, how are you praying for a faith that perseveres and obeys in every circumstance?  
     
     
     
     
   1. If your prayer life revealed how ready you are to act in faith to the next thing God wanted you to do, how confident are you that you will respond faithfully and persevere?
   2. What does your answer to the previous question tell you about the importance of prayer when it comes to living by faith in God?