

In today's Gospel, Matthew 17: 14-23, Jesus Christ heals a man's son who suffered from being an epileptic and falling into the fire and water because of a demon after he beseeched Him saying, "Lord, have mercy..." When His disciples asked Jesus why they, themselves, couldn't heal him, He said, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you..."

In another Gospel reading, Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus Christ compares the mustard seed to the Kingdom of Heaven when He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

Dearest ones, in both pieces of Scripture Christ Jesus uses imagery to show us that with little faith, as small as a mustard seed, God will answer us, make our faith stronger, make it grow, and make it bear fruit! Faith as big as a mustard seed means to trust in Him, that He can make the impossible possible. Faith like a mustard seed means to depart, pray, venture, and through His name use the power for His will. Faith as big as a mustard seed reinforces that indeed miracles happen in the church.

A mustard seed measures 1-2mm, and yet grows into a large shrub about 10-12 feet tall bearing more seeds! If we allow our faith, even as little as a mustard seed, through His word to be sown into our hearts, germinate, and grow into a great shrub bearing His fruit, all is possible and nothing impossible by God. May we all like mustard seeds, through our faith, allow God's will to be done giving all glory and honor, to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever, amen!