

The Seeds of Faith  
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I like to work in the garden. It's my therapy. It helps me to clear my head. I enjoy getting outside and planting new seeds, watering the plants, weeding the garden, pruning plants that need to be trimmed. Working outside in the garden brings me peace.

Of course, I have a lot to learn. I compete against the rabbits and squirrels! Sometimes I forget to water the plants and they may start to wilt. Sometimes I get a little lazy and the weeds begin to take over. But by and large, my garden is looking pretty good.

Regarding the power of even a small "seed" faith, Jesus said this: "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there, and it would move! Nothing would be impossible.'" (Matthew 17:10)

Jesus used the example of a mustard seed because of its incredible growth potential. A mustard seed is very small when it's planted, yet when it is fully grown, it can be as much as 20 feet wide and 20 feet tall. In optimal conditions, it can reach up to 30 feet tall! Just like that mustard seed, our faith has the potential to grow from a tiny seed to full maturity! We have all faced things in life that we didn't think we could get through. It's in those times that we might question if our faith is big enough, or if our faith is strong enough. But as we place our hope in Jesus, even a tiny amount is enough!

As we lean on Jesus (and NOT on ourselves) in uncertain and even scary times of life, our faith takes root and starts to grow. It's by spending time with Jesus in His word that our faith is watered and we become stronger and start to bloom.

Have you ever really thought about the strength of a seed? Seeds are determined little things. Left to themselves, they are small and seemingly insignificant. However, once they are planted and watered, they become strong enough to break through the heavy, dark soil around them as they put down roots. They can even grow around rocks and move them if they're in the way.

It's much the same with us and our faith. We may feel insignificant and compare ourselves to someone whose faith seems much bigger. We may face times of doubt and only see the darkness. We might question if we're strong enough to get past the obstacles in front of us.

When these times come, remember the mustard seed. Remember its tiny beginning, its resilience and determination, and its potential. By the power of the Holy Spirit our faith and trust in Jesus will continue to grow. Stay rooted in Jesus. Grow deep in His Word. Lean on Jesus, your faith will grow like a mustard seed!