

## Moving Mountains

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<sup>14</sup>When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him.  
<sup>15</sup>"Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. <sup>16</sup>I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

<sup>17</sup>"O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." <sup>18</sup>Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

<sup>19</sup>Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

<sup>20</sup>He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

<sup>22</sup>When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. <sup>23</sup>They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief. (Matthew 17:14-23, NIV)

In challenge lies God's \_\_\_\_\_!

<sup>3</sup>For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:3-5, NIV)

<sup>15</sup>Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." (Hosea 5:15, NIV)

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. <sup>6</sup>The LORD protects the simple-hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. <sup>7</sup>Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you. (Psalm 116:5-7, NIV)

<sup>15</sup>"Lord, have mercy... he is suffering greatly. (v. 15)

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### 1. We will \_\_\_\_\_ to the mountains of myth, misery and need that surround us.

Our God consistently \_\_\_\_\_, especially in difficult circumstances.

<sup>4</sup>His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. Who has resisted him and come out unscathed? <sup>5</sup>He moves mountains without their knowing it and overturns them in his anger. <sup>6</sup>He shakes the earth from its place and makes its pillars tremble... <sup>10</sup>He performs wonders that cannot be fathomed, miracles that cannot be counted. (Job 9:4-6, 10, NIV)

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### 2. We will \_\_\_\_\_ that we have a God who can move mountains.

It's not the size of our faith, it's the size of God's \_\_\_\_\_!

<sup>19</sup>God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill? (Numbers 23:19, NIV)

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### 3. We will \_\_\_\_\_ on the faith that our God will keep his promise to move mountains.

#### My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Consider God's love for you. Has he "moved mountains" in your life? How might he use you to do something significant?
- Read the *Moving Mountains* campaign literature. Pray and ask God to reveal his will in how he would have you contribute.
- Meditate on and memorize Matthew 17:20.