

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

Mark 11:20-25

Key Verse: 11:22

* FAITH THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS (20-23)

1. As they walked along the morning after Jesus had cleared the temple, what did Peter notice? Why was he surprised?
2. What does this event (and others in this chapter) show about the power and authority of Jesus' word? What ominous suggestion do these events give about the future? (18)
3. How did Jesus respond to Peter's amazed comment? (22) What connection does this have with the withering of the fig tree at Jesus' command?
4. Read verse 23. What promise is here? What kind of things did Jesus expect his disciples to do by faith? What does this mean?
5. What must we believe about God in order to have mountain-moving faith? (Think about Genesis 1 and 2; 1Co 15:20.)
6. How does mountain-moving faith challenge our human limits? Think about Mk 9:22,23; Php 4:13; Heb 11:29; other heroes of faith in Heb 11.
7. Read verse 23 again. Why does Jesus say, "does not doubt in his heart"? Where does doubt come from? How does it weaken us?
8. How can we overcome doubt? (23b) How do God's promises help us overcome doubt? (Mt 6:33)

* FAITH THAT PRAYS (24)

9. Read verse 24. What is the best expression of faith? What promise does Jesus give in this verse? What must we believe about ourselves and God in order to pray? What must we ask for in prayer?

* FAITH THAT FORGIVES (25)

10. Read verse 25. What is a hindrance to prayer? What must we do? Why? (25b) What did Jesus tell Peter about this on another occasion? (Mt 18:21,22) Why is it so hard to forgive others? How can we?