

# Certainty... in a world of doubt

## The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze  
community church



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### Mustard Seed Faith" Luke 17:1-37

Saving faith is truth about the person and work of Christ entering the head (content), igniting the heart (conviction), and outworking through the hands (commitment). Faith is not a feeling, a force or a formula, but fellowship (relationship) with God. It is a relationship where God becomes your ultimate security, significance and satisfaction in life and death. It's not the size of your faith but the object of your faith that matters most (vv5-6). The more you get to know the object of your faith the more your faith will grow (Ps9:9-10).

### Mustard Seed Faith will grow in...

(Diagnosis of your spiritual health)

#### Verses 1-4

✓ Relational skills. (Rom12:14-21; Heb12:15)

#### Verses 5-6

✓ Spiritual disciplines. (Rom10:17; 1Pet2:2)

#### Verses 7-10

✓ Accepting all He sends and obeying all He says. (Job1:20-22; Luke 6:46)

#### Verses 11-19

✓ Wonder, love and praise of God. (Ps27:4; 84:1-2, 10)

#### Verses 20-21 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Christ

✓ Righteousness, peace and joy. (John 3:3, 5; Rom 14:17)

#### Verses 22-37 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ

✓ Longing to see and be with Jesus forever!!! (2Thess1:5-12; Rev21:1-5)

If there is no final judgment, what hope do we have for this sinful world? However, if there is a final judgment, what hope do I have for my sinfulness? Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming was to bear my judgment, but if I reject Him, I will face His judgment in His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming. (Jn3:16-17)

#### Growing Notes

- 1) Read the sermon introduction. What is saving faith? Why would someone wrongly think of faith as a feeling, force or formula rather than a relationship with God? What is the extent of that relationship and how would you grow that relationship?
- 2) Read Luke 17:1-4. What kind of relational skills are these verses talking about? Why are healthy relational skills a mark of a growing faith (Rom12:14-21)? Why do you think spiritual disciples are motivated by a desire for more faith (vv5-6)? What are spiritual disciplines and how do they help to increase our faith (Rom10:17; 1Pet2:2)?
- 3) Read verses 7-10. Why do you think a servant accepts all that the master sends and obeys all that he says (Job1:20-22; Luke 6:46)? Read verses 11-19. How does the one leper that returns show us that the deepest and most enduring pleasure is not from God, but in God? What does it mean to be lost in wonder, love and praise of God (Ps27:4; 84:1-2, 10)? Why is that a mark of someone growing in faith?
- 4) Read verses 20-21. What is true about Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> coming (John 3:3, 5; Rom14:17)? Read verses 22-37. What do these verses tell us about Jesus' 2<sup>nd</sup> coming (2Thess1:5-12)? Why should a longing for Christ's return produce spiritual alertness, mission urgency, power to forgive and hope in suffering? What are your thoughts and feelings about the final paragraph on the notes? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.