

## 1) Introduction

- Here's the thing - It's not your job to do the **imPOSSIBLE** or create the **New Beginning**
- Your job is to jump in, get your "**imPOSSIBLE / New Beginnings**" in one hand, and reach for your Father with the other and **believe God in Faith**

Stop worrying about the 'how' and start believing in the 'who'

- *If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.* Mark 9:23
- *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* Phil 4:13
- *The Lord made the heavens and the earth... nothing too hard for You* Gen 18:15, Jer 32:17, Jer 32:27
- Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God" Luke 18:27
- "I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it" Ezekiel 36:36b
- Question: "**Will we believe and have Faith in the Who?**"

## 2) Fig Tree – Jesus introduces Faith

Mark 11:12-22

## 3) Three Dictionary Levels of Faith

- Level 1 - Identifying yourself with the doctrines of a religion
- Level 2 - Complete trust or confidence in someone or something (*'seeing is believing'*)
- Level 3 - Belief based on spiritual conviction rather than proof

## 4) True Bible Faith – The God kind of Faith

Mark 11:20-22

- Common translation: "*Have faith in God.*"
- Greek Translation:
  - **Have the Faith of God** - Literal, Modern KJV, Doulay, Worrall, Youngs Translation
  - **Have the God kind of Faith** - Theologians say one of the best ways to translate this verse

### a) Bible Faith / God kind of Faith is UNSEEN

Mark 11:14, 20-22

- Jesus dealt with the problem, by speaking Words – unseen words
- Jesus dealt with the root of the problem, roots are unseen
- The God kind of faith is based on the unseen
- "*Blessed are those who believe and have not yet seen*"

Heb 11:1

John 20:29

### b) The evidence of faith of faith is: *The next morning...*

**Example:** Nobleman son us healed

John 4:46-54

**Example:** Abraham – father of a multitude

Rom 4:20-22

## 5) What is this God kind of Faith, How do I get it , what does it look like?

### a) Every person has *the* measure of faith

Rom 12:3

- God is no respecter of persons/no favourites / partiality

Acts 10:34

### b) Does the size of your faith matter?

- Several times Jesus said – "*O ye of little faith...*"

Matt 8:26

- "Not is all Israel have I found great faith"

Luke 7:9

- "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, we can move mountains"

Matt 17:20

- Disciples asked Jesus to "*increase their faith*"

Luke 17:5

c) Faith is a seed, it can grow

Jesus never answers their question, He told them ***faith was like seed***

Luke 17:5-6

**i. Not just any seed – The word of God Seed**

➤ The sower sow the Word of God

Mrk 4:14

➤ *Born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible (seed), the word of God*

1 Pet 1:23

**ii. Plant the seed it will grow**

➤ Plant it, it will grow... The Harvest

Mrk 4:14, 26-29

**iii. Seed-Time-Harvest**

➤ *“While the earth remains, Seedtime and Harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease.”*

Gen 8:22

**6) What the God kind of Faith looks like**

**a) Watch out for - Short duration of faith**

○ Peter walks on water, that is faith (in my book, great faith)

○ Jesus challenges Peter: *"O you of little faith, why did you doubt"*

Matt 14:31

○ I believe then have a second thought = doubt, Jesus called short bursts of Faith – doubt

James 1:6-7

**b) Work your faith – like going to a gym?**

**7) Conclusion**

**2 Timothy 1:6 NLT**

*This is why I remind you to **fan into flames** the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.*

- Meditate on the promise God has given to you, allow it to **burn** inside you, get a holy discontentment, get a longing for more.
- When our faith catches fire...
  - Our **desires** turn to **desperation**
  - Our **prayers** turn into **soul cries** and **declarations**
  - Our **beliefs** turn into **unwavering faith**
  - The **written Word of God** in our minds becomes the **spoken Word of God** from our **hearts**
  - We move from knowing about God to becoming intimate with God.
  - We move from **believing in God**, to having the **God kind of Faith**
- Get active, get physical, practice what you know, get passionate about the Word of God
- **Fan into flames** the Word of God inside you – work it like you do at the gym
- Move from:
  - Have faith in God
  - Have the Faith of God
  - Have the God kind of Faith