**Just A Little Faith…**

**Reading - Matthew 13:31-32**

**THE MUSTARD SEED.**

***Matthew 17:20 So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.***

***Luke 17:6 So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. (NKJV)***

**LESSONS TO LEARN FROM THE PARABLE.** It is a small seed that produces a large plant.

***Daniel 2:34‑35 "You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (NKJV)***

The history of the church proves that to be true. ***(Acts 1:15) And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty),*** —120 scared disciples gathered together.

Acts 2:41—3,000 baptized on Pentecost. ***(Acts 4:4) However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*** —Number of men came to be 5,000.

***(Acts 6:1; 7) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution... {7} Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.*** —Number of disciples multiplied.

***(Acts 8:4) Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.***

***(Romans 10:18) But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: "Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world."*** ***(Colossians 1:23) you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven…***

God has often used small things to accomplish His will in the world.

1. (***Zechariah 4:1-10) Now the angel who talked with me came back and wakened me, as a man who is wakened out of his sleep. {2} And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. {3} "Two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left." {4} So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, "What are these, my lord?" {5} Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." {6} So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. {7} 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"' " {8} Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: {9} "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. {10} For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth."***

2. (***Matthew 25:24-30) “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. {25} 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.' {26} "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. {27} 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. {28} 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. {29} 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. {30} 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'***

3. ***(Mark 12:44) "for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."***

4. ***(Luke 15:4) "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it*** .

5. ***(Luke 15:7) "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.***

6***. (Luke 15:8) "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?***

Since it’s true that God finds great significance in little things, there must be some meaning for us as well.