Faith as a Mustard Seed

Matthew 17:20-21

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of 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."

Mark 11:22-24

Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

To have faith is to believe in something; to trust that it is so. Some people believe everything they are told. Others require proof for everything. Most people cannot have faith in something unless they know something about it. That is why God has always provided man with lots of proof of his existence and his love - so we can easily believe it and have faith in him.

> Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



We believe in God for many reasons: because we can see the incredible creation all around us, because he has provided witnesses to testify of him, because we see him working in the lives of those around us, and in our lives. God has never asked us to have a "blind faith" or a faith with no basis. It would be silly to believe in something you have absolutely no evidence of. God has given his people many reasons to believe in him and his promises. John 20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Do you believe that Australia exists? Have you ever been there? I have not seen Australia with my own eyes, but I have seen pictures of it. I have even spoken to people from Australia. Many reputable people agree that it is there. Based on these evidences, I have no reason to doubt that there is a continent named Australia on the other side of the world.

We may not see God himself in this life, but there is evidence all around that he exists, and that he keeps his promises.

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Jesus had a special job for the Apostles. They were given the power to do miracles in order to prove what they said about Jesus was true. God gave them everything they needed in order to do His work. The Apostles had to believe that god would do wht they could not. God gives each one of us everything we need to do God's work. We need to believe that god will provide all we need to do His work. He gives us the means to resist temptation, the strength to endure dificult times, and the wisdom to know right from wrong.

> Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Approximate Size of a Mustard Seed