Littleness óf Faith Study Guíde

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Littleness of Faith – Study Guide

My prayer from the beginning is that Holy Spirit might use this short book as a tool to draw both Christians and non-Christians closer to the Lord. If this book impacts you, please pass the title on to your friends.

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- 1. How did you identify with the story of Faith and the Mountain?
- 2. What is the mountain you currently face on a personal level? Be specific.
- 3. When thinking about your mountain, how would you describe your faith?

- 1. Honestly ask where you direct your faith. Is it in God alone, or do you lean more on a job, spouse, security, or some other object?
- 2. Journal and/or share with a trusted friend about a time when you lacked faith in a situation, and how you reacted?
- 3. What does trust mean to you?

- 1. Thinking back to the mountain you named in Chapter 1 exercises, why do you want it moved?
- 2. If God chooses to leave the mountain right where it is, how will you react? Can you submit to His will in facing your mountain? Describe your honest thoughts and feelings.
- 3. Is God trying to teach you something from your mountain? Have you asked Him? If not, go ahead ask. Then listen to what Holy Spirit tells you and respond. Write down the interaction between yourself and the Lord, then share it with a trusted friend.

- 1. Define faith.
- 2. How did this chapter change your perception of faith?
- 3. Does your faith feel puny these days with circumstances that seem too hard? What do you need to do to strengthen your faith muscles?

1. What are your greatest fears?

Many of us grew up believing we aren't supposed to get angry with the Lord, but it doesn't stop us. We don't like it when He hasn't moved our mountain, but we don't tell Him. Often we feel He hasn't fulfilled promises to us, or He allowed things to happen that shouldn't have. The anger bubbles up inside, although we may suppress it and not admit it even to ourselves.

Anger comes from pain and fear. Pain comes first and fear of being hurt again grows from that pain. Then anger sneaks in when we feel threatened. We need to express these emotions, and the safest place to take them is to the Father. In fact, He desires our honesty.

- 2. What are your thoughts about wrestling with God?
- 3. Do you need to spend some time beating against Papa's chest? If you have an intimate relationship with Him, you can. If you don't feel comfortable doing that, ask why. Either way, write down what you learn from the encounter.

- 1. If God physically lived in your house, would your interaction with Him be similar to the Mediocre family or something very different? Honestly describe your current relationship with Him.
- 2. Is your current relationship with Father God the way you want it to look?
- 3. What actions do you need to take to deepen your level of intimacy? Does He have to put multitudes of mountains in front of you to get your attention?

- 1. What was the most amazing thing you learned about the mustard tree?
- 2. How does knowing more about the mustard tree impact your understanding of faith?
- 3. How's your faith level compared to a year ago? Is it barely surviving as a sapling or growing into a tree as wide as it is tall?
- 4. Name at least one way God has grown your faith by putting a mountain in front of you. Thank Him for what He showed you through the mountain.