

What Kind of Faith
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[Mar 11:22-24 NASB95] 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. 24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you.

- Is there only one kind of faith? Is every miracle recorded in the Bible only to convince us that Jesus is Lord? Does faith have additional applications in our lives to receive what God wants for us “now and not yet?”
- Mark 11:22 – “in God” or “of God” or “God kind of faith”? Genitive. Objective genitive? That is a theological determination.
- What is in the story around the statement of Jesus? More on that later.
- Faith primarily is that Jesus is Who He says He is. Yet, it is also that He rewards us. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- Abraham is the father of faith. He believed God for something not just in Him. He had to mimic the kind God faith that God used. [Rom 4:17 NASB95] 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

What kind of faith does Jesus want us to have from Mark 11.

Here are five characteristics of the faith Jesus wants us to have from Mark 11.

I. Jesus wants us to have a faith that challenges situations.

- a. Mark 11 – story of the fig tree. Was it prophetic? Sure. Jesus did not speak about that though. He talked them about using faith against the impossible.
- b. [Jas 5:14-15 NASB95] 14 Is anyone among you sick? [Then] he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.
- c. [Jas 1:5-7 NASB95] 5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,

II. Jesus wants us to have a faith that speaks.

- a. Mark 11:23 - We have a faith that must be released through our mouth.
- b. [2Co 4:13 NASB95] 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

III. Jesus wants us to have a faith believes for good.

- a. Mark 11:23 – the mountains would represent the bad being removed and the good happening to us.
- b. [Heb 11:6 NASB95] 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

IV. Jesus wants us to have a faith that knows God is able to do the impossible.

- a. Mark 11:23 – the mountain will be removed. Not by the sound of our voice but by the authority and the ability of God.

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- b. [Rom 4:17 NASB95] 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

V. Jesus wants us to have a faith that prays.

- a. Mark 11:24 – Therefore... prayer is the first and primary place of releasing faith.
 - b. [Luk 18:7-8 NASB95] 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? 8 "I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"
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- **The kind of faith that Jesus wants us to have is the faith that challenges, speaks, believes for good and impossible things in prayer.**
 - **Have we been accepting things as they are? Are we quiet with our faith? What good and impossible things can you believe for today? Is your prayer life strong and full of faith?**