

**Summary of Message by Pastor Bryan Hudson, D.Min.**  
**“Developing Mountain Moving Faith”**  
**Part Three from the series, “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”**

**Scripture Foundation: Matthew 17:14–21**

The message centers on the account of a father who brings his tormented son to Jesus after the disciples failed to heal him. Jesus rebukes the demon, heals the boy, and rebukes His disciples for their **unbelief**—despite their intentions and prior efforts. He then teaches that *“this kind”* (of challenge and deliverance) only comes through **prayer and fasting**.

**Main Theme: Faith Must Be Developed to Move Mountains**

Dr. Hudson emphasizes that **faith is not automatic or instant**; it must be *cultivated, prepared, and developed* over time, just like any skilled profession. This sermon explores how true faith—faith that produces results and moves mountains—**develops through process, prayer, fasting, discipline, and refining trials**.

**Key Points and Lessons**

**1. Faith Needs Development**

- Faith is not a switch to flip but a process to grow.
- The disciples believed they could help the boy but lacked the **spiritual development** to meet the challenge.
- Just as craftsmen hone their skills over time, **believers must grow in faith through experience and learning**.

“You don’t start moving mountains. You start moving molehills.”

**2. Understanding Unbelief**

- Unbelief is **not the absence of belief**, but the **lack of preparedness** to meet a spiritual demand.
- Like a trained athlete who stops training and fails despite past success, the disciples failed because they were not ready.
- **Unbelief = underdeveloped or unfocused faith**.

**3. Faith as a Mustard Seed**

- Jesus didn’t say “faith the size of” a mustard seed, but “faith as a mustard seed”—meaning **faith that grows**.
- Mustard seed faith starts small but is **planted, nurtured, and grows into something powerful**.
- Growth can happen quickly when we are willing to lean into God and walk away from distractions.

**4. Two Types of Faith**

- **Faith (noun)**: Beliefs, doctrine, lifestyle (Jude 3).
- **Faith (verb)**: Belief in action—obedient steps based on God’s Word (Matthew 17:20).

“You cannot have active faith without sound doctrine. Faith comes by hearing the Word.”

**5. The Power of Prayer and Fasting**

- **Prayer and fasting are not about moving God—they move you.**



- They shift your attention away from self-centered routines and help you focus on God.
- Fasting is not merely about abstaining from food; it's about setting aside **personal pleasure and self-satisfaction** to align with God's will.

"You can't focus on yourself and focus on God at the same time."

## 6. Hindrance to Faith: Offense and Bitterness

- Harboring **offense** or **bitterness** blocks faith development.
- Many offenses are not even sins—just preferences or misunderstandings.
- Scripture (Proverbs 19:11, Matthew 18:15) instructs believers to **let go of offense** or address it directly if it's a true sin.

"Don't let anyone live rent-free in your mind and hinder your faith."

## 7. Faith Must Have Corresponding Action (James 2:14–20)

- Faith without works is **dead**. Words alone are not enough.
- True faith produces change—in **your heart, life, and lifestyle**.
- Faith is **not a transaction**, but a **lifestyle aligned with the will of God**.

"Faith is a habit—a consistent way of living and trusting God."

## 8. Faith Will Be Tested by Fire (1 Peter 1:6–7)

- Trials are part of faith development. God uses **refining fire** to purify and strengthen our faith.
- Gold becomes more valuable after it is tested by fire—and so does genuine faith.

"You won't burn up. You'll come out better, stronger, purer."

## Key Quotes and Reflections

- "Faith is developed, not downloaded."
- "Prayer and fasting don't move God—they move you."
- "Unbelief is not disbelief; it's unpreparedness."
- "Mountain-moving faith grows through molehill-moving obedience."
- "Let go of offense—it's not worth stunting your faith."

## Final Prayer and Exhortation

Dr. Hudson concludes by thanking God for the process of developing faith. He encourages believers to embrace:

- The disciplines of **prayer and fasting**
- The necessity of **letting go of offense**
- The value of **genuine, tested faith**

"Lord, thank You that our faith grows like a mustard seed—from a small beginning to something great and fruitful."

## Summary Statement

**Developing mountain-moving faith** is a journey of **spiritual growth, intentional focus, disciplined habits, and grace under fire**. Faith doesn't just appear; it is **formed** in the presence of God, **shaped** by the Word, **tested** by trials, and **manifested** through love, obedience, and action.