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Dear Friends in Christ:

Praise the Name of Jesus Who is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

The disciples watching Jesus perform miracles realized Jesus operated on a higher level of faith than anything they had ever witnessed before. Seeing this they asked Him to increase their faith.

Luke 17:5 "And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

Before Jesus answers them He wants them to know what the limits would be on that increase so He puts it this way:

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."

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."

What Jesus is telling them is that there are no limits on how much faith can be increased and what that increased faith can accomplish.

After removing the limits Jesus goes on to explain how to move into this increased faith by asking them a question.

Luke 17:7-10 "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'? "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'? "Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"

Jesus is explaining to them that in order to move in increased faith they must humble themselves and become servants.

Philippians 2:5-9 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,"

Once we understand that we are here on the earth to accomplish the will of the Father and to do what He wants us to do, then nothing is impossible to us. It is His field. It is His food. It is His sheep. It is His house. It is His work. It is His kingdom.

Luke 17:10 "We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

Let us all join Jesus in that increased faith and become humble servants.

James 4:10 "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."

Thanks once again for your friendship, love, prayers and support.

Yours in Christ, ><>wayne<><