

**How to follow Jesus into the impossible**

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Part 2



*Matt. 17:20 “... Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible” (NLT)*

**1. We pray as if our \_\_\_\_\_ depend on it**

*Matt. 7:7-8 “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (NLT)*

*John 15:4-5 “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup> “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” (NLT)*

**2. We give as if the \_\_\_\_\_ depends on it**

*II Cor 9:13 “As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ.” (NLT)*

*Matt. 6:21 “Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” (NLT)*

*II Cor. 9:7-8 “You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.” (NLT)*

**3. We serve as if the \_\_\_\_\_ depends on it**

*I Cor. 12:7 “A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.” (NLT)*

*I Peter 4:10 “God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to **serve** one another.” (NLT)*

*Rom. 12:11 “Never be lazy, but work hard and **serve** the Lord enthusiastically.” (NLT)*

**4. We love as if the \_\_\_\_\_ depends on it**

*John 13:34-35 “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (NLT)*

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- Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ of what love looks like

*Matt. 5:44-46 “But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! <sup>45</sup> In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. <sup>46</sup> If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.” (NLT)*

- Our love is the external observable \_\_\_\_\_ we belong to Jesus

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss why mountain moving faith must be more than a set of intellectual beliefs. How does our behavior reflect what we really believe?
2. Do we pray as if our very lives depend on it? Why / why not? Why do we often not view prayer with this type of urgency and dependency? How would our prayer life change if we did?
3. Do we give as if the very mission depends on it? What does our generosity “prove” like II Cor. 9:13 says? Why is money such a difficult issue to talk about for many? How will you participate in the next goal of \$1000 by 1000 people or the \$100 by 100 people?
4. Do we serve as if the health of the church depends on it? Why are we so quick to devalue the significance of our contribution to the body? Is it time to get in the game?
5. Do we love as if the world depends on it? The love that Jesus calls us to is radically different from the world. Discuss what this looks like and how we can be committed to loving people like Jesus. How can we help Foothills grow in loving people this way?
6. Where is Jesus calling you to grow? Will you trust Him and follow Him there?

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