

pumpkin seed 

PUZZLING PARABLES

watermelon seed 

mustard seed .

THE MUSTARD SEED

This week's devotional has been written in a unique way. Each section represents a different point along the spiritual journey. Use these sections to help you take your next step. Feel free to work through each section or you may choose to focus on one or two sections.

REFLECT

Remember our description of the kingdom of heaven -
any place where God gets his way.

Take time to reflect on the kingdom in your own heart by yourself or with others. Ponder the questions below as you:

- Take a walk
- Meet with a friend for an evening
- Enjoy a campfire with your kids
- Spend some time alone with God in prayer
- Journal your thoughts

QUESTIONS

Where does He get his way in my life?

What does it look like when God gets his way in my life?

Here's a start. Does God get his way at work, with your friends, when you're all alone, in your financial spending, in how you spend your free time, in your marriage/dating, with your kids, with your parents, with your future?

Be real with God. Is there an underlying issue or consistent barrier that's keeping you from God? Take time to pray and confess those areas. **READ 1 JOHN 1:9.** God knows everything about us, so there's no need to be afraid. Confession gives us the opportunity to become more aware of something God already knows. Through Jesus' payment for your sins by His death on the cross, you're forgiven.

TRUST

READ ROMANS 5:6-8. Do you believe that? Can you trust that? Jesus, a perfect man, died for our mistakes, our sins, so that we can have a relationship with God. With the love He's shown us, do you think he can be trusted?

Even trust that starts as small as a mustard seed can grow. Try it. Begin to trust God today. If you've thought about specific areas of your life you need to give to Him, spend some time in prayer and give them to Him. Trust Him with today. He is good.

OBEY

When we remember the parable of the mustard seed and the yeast, we can grasp the hope that God will continue to teach and help us to grow in our understanding of who He is and who we are.

READ AND MEDITATE ON ROMANS 12:2. Try to memorize it today.

Put your hope in God today and look for ways you can trust and obey how He wants you to live.

WORSHIP

The kingdom of God cannot be stopped. **READ MARK 4:26-29.** Like the parable of the mustard seed, the seed sprouts and grows... all by itself. It does its work just like how God works in us.

How has God changed you?

How has He changed a family member or friend?

What specific areas of your life has He changed or is in the process of changing in you?

(see your notes in **REFLECT**)

READ 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17.

Celebrate that you're being made new!

Thank Him for the change and the work He's done.

By doing so, you're worshipping God.



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