

## Is Bigger Really Better?

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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People oftentimes adhere to the motto bigger is better. We tend to choose the biggest, most grandiose options over the small, seemingly insignificant ones. Yet we should always bear in mind that God works mightily through small things.

### 1. Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed.

"[The Kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed that, when sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade" (Mk 4:31-32).

#### 1.1. The roots grow three times faster than the stalk.

- Our faith must be deeply rooted.
- "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1).

#### 1.2. The tiny mustard seed, when sown to the ground, grows to the largest of herbs.

- Jesus and his disciples were few in numbers in the beginning; they were poor, uneducated, unpopular, and looked down upon.
- We must strive to grow in faith; faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Rom 10:17).

#### 1.3. A mustard seed becomes the greatest of all shrubs.

- God can turn an insignificant seed into a significant tree.
- Success doesn't depend on size.
- Gideon had an army of 3,000 men, but God chose 300 of them to defeat the enemy (Judges 7:7).

#### 1.4. A mustard seed puts forth large branches.

- Every follower of Jesus is a member of the Kingdom. Every time we tell others about Jesus, we help grow the Kingdom.

### 1.5. The mustard tree has branches so that birds can make nests in its shade.

- The Jewish people expected the Messiah to come like lightning, destroy the Roman empire with a vast army, unite the Jewish people and establish a magnificent kingdom on earth. And yet Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey.
  - Jesus may have been a great disappointment during His time, and yet He redeemed mankind.
2. The kingdom of God reigns in the heart of those who obey.
    - 2.1. God wants us to take the first step in faith and He will direct our path (Ps 32:8).
    - 2.2. We can cast out mountains of problems and hardships from our lives (Mt 17:22).
    - 2.3. We have strength for everything through Christ who empowers us (Phil 4:13).
    - 2.4. We need not worry for God can multiply the little that we have.

Bigger does not necessarily mean better, for God manifests His might in small things.

Reflection:

1. Are you afraid to venture knowing God?
2. Have you wasted an opportunity because you were lacking in faith?

We don't need an increase of faith. We only need to listen to Jesus and take that step of faith. A mustard seed of faith can turn the impossible to possible.

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