

Gospel
The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C (Luke 17:5-10)

The apostles said to the Lord, **“Increase our faith!”** He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you. “Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

Reflection:

Through this parable Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God. The disciples are asking Jesus to give them more faith. Through the image of a tiny mustard seed, Jesus explains that even if we only have a really small amount of faith we can still do amazing things. Maybe we can’t move trees but we can still make big changes to the world around us – starting with those closest to us. Jesus also gives out a caution. He wants them to see themselves as servants of God and God’s plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we shouldn’t seek praise. If in faith, we believe that what we have offered is in service to God, as his servants, then our goodness will spread like ripples throughout our world and we will know the difference we have made.



What is Faith?

Post-it Challenge:

- ✚ What do you think Jesus was trying to say here?
- ✚ How big is a mustard seed?
- ✚ Is it easy to get a tree to move itself into the sea?
- ✚ Reflect

Whenever a person is able to make a positive difference in the life of another, we see God's action at work in our world.

Identify one thing that you have done that made a positive difference in the life of another.

How does this make you feel about yourself?



Let us pray:

Jesus, you came to serve and not be served. Send your Spirit to guide us, Give us your wisdom and strength as we reach out to those who need your care.

Fill us with compassion, and give us your peace So that we may be faithful witnesses of your love.

Give us the courage to try to make a change to our world, no matter how small, and the faith to know that with you all things are possible. Amen

*Worry ends when
 FAITH IN GOD
 Begins*