Small Faith; Big God

Matthew 17:14-21

Survey the scene …

What's it all mean?

1. Jesus is _____ and _____.

   So, bring your needs to him, trusting him to be _____. (Heb. 4:16)

2. Unbelief is a _____ for which you are _____ responsible. (John 20:31)

   God has revealed Himself _____ in Christ. (Romans 1:18-20)

   Unbelief is a _____ act, not merely a lack of _____. (John 5:40)

3. Faith is never _____.

   The father believed until _____ caused him to doubt. (Mark 9:18)

   When you doubt, honestly _____ for more faith. (Mark 9:24)

   There is a _____ with the disciples of successes and failures. (See: Chs. 14, 15, 16)

   In this case, the disciples thought they'd succeed but apparently, they _____ on their own abilities.

   Jesus told them why they failed: Their lack of _____ – which is fueled by _____ and _____ (Mark 9:29)

4. Jesus never promised that we could do "_____" if we had enough faith.

   His promise is that we can do _____ that He has _____ and _____ us to do.

   In the case of the original disciples, Jesus had already commissioned them to do this:

   "And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction." (Matthew 10:1)

   This was _____ specific assignment (tied to their apostolic ministry), not _____!

   For us, he has promised the ability to _____ Him and participate in His mission

   _____ in what _____ Christians are called to do,

   and _____ according to our gifts and assignments.

5. God can do – thru us – the _____ ("move mountains") if we will _____ Him enough to _____ on what He commands.

   "Nothing impossible" is limited to _____, not _____, and faith must lead to _____.

   This is for the _____ of His _____.

   This is for the _____ of His Kingdom.

   This is for the _____ of us, His disciples.

6. Faith is only as _____ as its _____.

   _____ faith is worthless.

   _____ faith – rightly placed – is potent!

   Faith is a _____, not the source—only _____ moves mountains.

Implications:

Your view of God, as revealed in Christ, will affect _____ about your life.

There is no excuse for persistent _____.

Your faith will GROW as you _____ it in dependence on God.

Dependence on God is a _____, not a weakness.

You can do _____ God calls you to do.

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