



The Parables
Hidden
in Plain *Sight*

**SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026 | PART 2 - MUSTARD SEED FAITH: DON'T LET
SMALL FOOL YOU | Jonathan Lefler**

“He replied, ‘Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” -Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

POINT 1. GOD SPECIALIZES IN SMALL BEGINNINGS

³¹“He put another parable before them, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³²It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”
-Matthew 13:31-32 (ESV)

“Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin, to see the plumb line in Zerubbabel’s hand.” (The seven lamps represent the eyes of the Lord that search all around the world.)
-Zechariah 4:10 (NLT)

Takeaway: Never despise what God starts _____.

POINT 2. GOD CAN DO MORE WITH WHAT'S LEFT THAN YOU THINK

“And Elisha said to her, ‘What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?’ And she said, ‘Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.’” -2 Kings 4:2 (ESV)

Takeaway: God isn't asking for what you used to have.

He's asking for what you've got _____.

POINT 3. FAITH TAKES THE NEXT STEP

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.” -Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."
-Corrie Ten Boom

Takeaway: Faith doesn't need the whole _____.

Faith trusts the One holding the map.

POINT 4. FAITH GROWS UNDERGROUND

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” -Galatians 6:9 (NIV)

Takeaway: God develops _____ before He reveals fruit.

POINT 5. YOUR SEED MAY BLESS PEOPLE YOU'LL NEVER MEET

“It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” -Matthew 13:32 (ESV)

Takeaway: Your faithfulness today may become somebody else's

_____ tomorrow.

Final Thought: A mustard seed in the hands of God is never

just a _____.