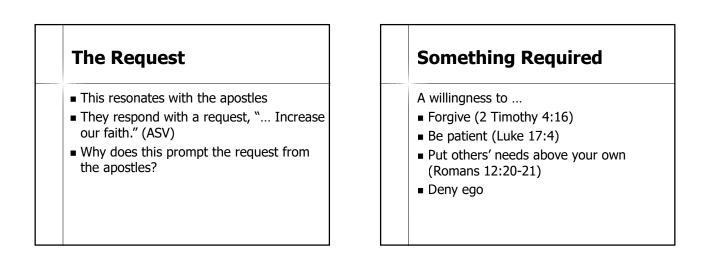
Increase Our Faith

Luke 17:1-10

A Lesson in Forgiveness

Luke 17:1-4

- The innocent must be willing to forgive the guilty party (verse 3)
- As often as your brother asks, forgiveness must be extended (verse 4)
- No finite number placed on forgiveness (verse 4)



Faith as a Mustard Seed

Luke 17:6

Seed is about 1-2MM in size



A Mustard Seed

Luke 17:6

- With faith as a mustard seed one may move a sycamine tree
- Not a promise of miracles
- A little bit of the right stuff has powerful potential

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19 Grew into a tree (Matthew 13:32)



The Parable of the Mustard Seed

- Conclusion? Something small became something great
- The potential of faith is great if it germinates

A Servant's Duties

Luke 17:7-9

- Does his master let him eat, or must he complete his tasks first? (verse 7)
- "... serve me" (verse 8)
- Does he thank his servant? (verse 9)
- No
- Why? Because he did his duty

Unprofitable Servants

Luke 17:10

- When we have obeyed the commandments and say, "we are unprofitable servants," we have done our duty
- We will never be worthy in an absolute sense

Lessons Learned

Faith as a mustard seed

- Faith is the beginning Hebrews 11:1, 6
- Faith must be cultivated 2 Peter 1:5-8
- God will work in our lives 1 John 5:13-15
- Must not doubt James 1:5-8

Lessons Learned

Many Biblical Examples

- Moses A rod (Exodus 4:1-5, 17; 10:12ff)
- Samson A bone (Judges 15:15)
- Widow Two mites (Mark 12:41ff)

Do we have faith as a mustard seed?

Lessons Learned

We must be doing our duty

- Continue steadfastly Acts 2:41-42
- Attend worship Hebrews 10:24-25
- Study Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17
- Visit fatherless and widows James 1:27

Lessons Learned

- We must be doing our duty Continued
- Always look for opportunity Titus 2:14;
 3:8, 14
- Always abounding 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Conclusion

- Do we have faith as a mustard seed?
- Are we doing our duty?