

## Sermon Notes: Use The Faith You Have

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**Scripture:** Luke 17:1-10

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Chapter 17 begins with Jesus giving **four** instructions about offenses.

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The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus responds with what they can do with the faith they have, “*Speak to the mulberry tree, be uprooted and cast into the sea.*” Jesus is showing that seed faith \_\_\_\_\_:

- Reject old identities
- Confront unhealthy patterns
- Renounce lies
- Cast out fear
- Resist spiritual oppression

The mulberry tree represents things \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives that prevent us from obeying His commands.

- Old habits
- Recurring patterns
- Offense and unforgiveness.
- Fear/doubt
- Unhealthy cravings
- False Identity
- Lies, fear and doubt

### **The Principles of Seed Faith**

So, the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea and it would obey you.’”

**1. Seed Faith Identifies the Obstacle.** The mulberry tree represents anything that's deeply rooted hinders you from obeying Christ's commands. What is hindering you today?

**2. Seed Faith Speaks with Authority.** Seed faith does not deny the problem. It speaks to the problem. Sometimes your breakthrough begins when your mouth agrees with God before your emotions do. Jesus promised, when you command to go, it will obey you. What is God asking me to speak to?

**3. Seed Faith Moves in Obedience**

V. 10 *"So likewise, you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do'"*.

**The servant:**

- Works in the field and in the house
- Moves in obedience
- Does not wait for motivation or validation

Why? Because seed faith obedience is not based on \_\_\_\_\_. It's based on relationship and responsibility. Faith says, "I will obey even when I do not feel like it?"

**Transformation happens when:**

- Your words align with Jesus.
- Your actions follow
- And your heart catches up.

**Reflection:**

1. What mulberry tree has been deeply rooted in my life?

2. What have I been waiting to feel before obeying?

3. Where is God asking me to obey quickly instead of waiting for feelings?

4. What would change if I acted on what I already know today?

**Declaration:** Meditate on Luke 17 and 2 Corinthians 5:7 to renew your mind, establish your identity and uproot the mulberry trees in your life.

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away. Behold all things have become new.” 2 Corinthians 5.17*

I am a new creation; therefore I obey quickly. By the authority of Christ, I uproot what no longer belongs to me. I reject old habits, old mindsets, and anything that prevents me from obeying God including \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

From this day forward I think new thoughts. I obey quickly and I finish what God has given me to do.