**Habakkuk 2:14 (ESV), “For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea”**

**Faith to Move Mountains**

**Read passage –**

Matthew 17:17–21 (ESV), “And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” 18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. 19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” 20 He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

CAIRO STORY – Prayer

Mountains in Scripture often speak of governments – both in the natural and the spiritual – places of rule and reign

Mustard seed of faith – In this illustration - Jesus very likely was referring to the Herodium, which was a palace built by King Herod outside of Jerusalem. He literally moved a mountain 1/4 mile in order to construct his palace.  This Herodium would have been only about 5-10 years old by the time Jesus was doing his public ministry, people were already talking about the mountain that was moved by this powerful king. And Jesus used this as an illustration on the news created by Herod.

PICTURE

A building task that was seemingly impossible.  Herod’s “little faith” in his royal authority got the job done.    How much more can move mountains when we place our “little faith” in Christ’s greater authority?

We need to see this mountain of the North Korean regime moved - to see the reign and rule of Jesus Christ breaking in with power and the name of Jesus Christ exalted in the land – this obstacle, this division must come down as we pray for the gospel reunification of Korea

Do you believe he can do it

The one thing that is required for ordinary people to do extraordinary things is FAITH - believing God, trusting God and his word! I don’t mean just mental assent,

but believing who God is and what he said to the point that you act on it, whether you feel like or you don’t

You are justified how by…

You are to walk in the same manner in which you received him… which was by \_\_\_\_

We don’t walk by sight but by \_\_\_\_

This is the work of God that you **believe** in the Son of God!

The righteous shall live by \_\_\_\_\_

Faith is the only thing that pleases God

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV), “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”

* North Korea

True Faith is resting in who God is… you put your full weight on HIM and what he says and what he has done …like Abraham it is being **fully convinced that God is able to do what he promises!**

**Do you believe the Son is going to come up tomorrow…**

It is the full expectation that God is who he says he is, has done what he said he has done and will do what he promises he will DO!

We want to seek God for the impossible. Believe God for miracles. Dream together that God will do exceedingly and abundantly more in our lives through the for His glory - that this generation would know who He is - faith-filled in all that we do.

There is nothing more powerful than faith in God. Faith can move mountains, because it trusts in a mountain-moving God. Faith can change the destiny of whole nations, because it believes in the one who created the nations. That’s together why the entire Bible puts such a strong emphasis on faith, from beginning to end -

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

**These 3 remain -**

Faith is not moved by circumstances or feelings. That’s why faith rejoices before the answer comes. That’s why faith is sure even when there is every reason to doubt.

Peter and Faith – Luke 22:31-32, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Ephesians 6:16 (ESV), “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

**Two things that Jesus marveled at – hometown and Centurion**

**How do we Go from little faith to great faith?**

Faith comes by Hearing and hearing by the message of Christ – who Christ is – and what Christ has done!

Colossians 1:16 (ESV), “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

….For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority…

Colossians 2:15 (ESV), “He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Ephesians 1:17–23 (ESV), “and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Eph 6 states that he has seated us with him in heavenly places

– the earth is the Lord’s - All authority – king of kings – he is reigning NOW

ruler of kings on earth – captain of the armies, the Lord of hosts –

Name above every other name!

**How do we exercise our delegated authority seated together with him in heavenly places – we do it through faith – filled Prayer!**

on behalf of the suffering peoples of North Korea, Father give your Son the nation of North Korea as his inheritance – receive your due reward, your inheritance of the peoples of North Korea - set your people free –

**PRAYER to MOVE MOUNTAINS -**

Matthew 21:21-22, “And Jesus answered them, “Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ it will happen. 22 And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith.”

The primary way we exercise faith to move mountains is through PRAYER – faith is one of the conditions of answered prayer

James 1:6, "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind"

Mark 11:23-24, "Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him. **Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours"**

**FAITH \_ Thank you – AMEN – Korean prayer movement – Faith is the only that pleases God –**

**Prayer doesn’t change Gods will but it does accelerate it – he is always responding @ As we pray and ask according to God’s will and for his renown – we can be assured with the answers to our prayers! AMEN –**

God promised it, we pray for it, we believe it, and that settles it.”