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Matthew 13:31-35

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1. A small faith has great impact!

I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.

Matthew 17:20

a. Everyday ordinary moments matter.

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Romans 12:1 MSG

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Colossians 2:19

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V. 32

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Isaiah 55:9

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