



**Mustard**

## **Sermon Discussion Questions - June 13, 2021**

### *Scripture Passages:*

**Hebrews 11:23-29 (NLT)** It was by faith that Moses' parents hid him for three months when he was born. They saw that God had given them an unusual child, and they were not afraid to disobey the king's command. (24) It was by faith that Moses' when he grew up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. (27) It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible. (29) It was by faith that the people of Israel went right through the Red Sea as though they were on dry ground. But when the Egyptians tried to follow, they were all drowned.

**Exodus 3:11-12 (NLT)** But Moses protested to God, "Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?" God answered, "I will be with you."

**Exodus 3:14 (NLT)** God replied to Moses, "I Am who I Am."

**Exodus 14:13-14 (NLT)** But Moses told the people, "Don't be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm."

**Matthew 19:26 (NLT)** Jesus looked at them intently and said, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

### *Warm Up:*

Last week, Pastor Matt talked about the new fad of people putting mustard on Watermelon. What are the most weird things you have tasted or seen people put mustard on? What are the strangest combinations of food you've tasted or seen?

### *Discussion:*

- 1) Pastor Tom shared this question early on in his message, "Have you ever had to face a conflict you feel totally unqualified or unprepared to tackle?" He then went on to list some insurmountable conflicts or challenges people face.  
What are some insurmountable challenges you have faced in your past or that you have watched others walk through?
  
- 2) Toward the beginning of his message pastor Tom shared these statements about why he has chosen to be a person of faith.  
*Belief #1—I need hope in the midst of impossible situations and I find that in Jesus.*  
*Belief #2—God has done some of his greatest work in my life and the lives of people closest to me, when impossible situations were face with Him.*  
Which of these statements do you relate to the most and why? What are some ways that you have found hope in the midst of impossible situations? What are some examples of times when you've seen God do great work in you or someone you love during an impossible situation?
  
- 3) In this Mustard series we are talking about faith. Here is the definition we've been using: *Faith is the confidence that Jesus is who he says he is and he will keep every promise he has made to us.*  
What are some other ways you might define faith? As you consider your own understanding of faith, what do you find most helpful or challenging about this definition of faith and why?
  
- 4) Read Hebrews 11:23-27.  
What can we learn about faith from these Scriptures? What stands out to you from these verses?
  
- 5) Read Exodus 3:11-14.  
How does Moses respond to God's calling? What encouragement does God offer to Moses here? What does this exchange show us about faith and impossible situations?

6) Read Exodus 14:13-14.

Now look back at Exodus 3:11-12. What differences do we see in Moses in these two passages? What truths carry over from Exodus 3 to Exodus 14? How do you see faith working out in the verses in Exodus 14?

7) In his message, Pastor Tom made these two statements about faith:

- *I am goes with us.*

- *Because God goes with us, we don't avoid the impossible.*

What might it look like for you to believe God goes with you? What might it look like for someone to face the impossible with God?

8) Was there anything else from this week's message that you found challenging, helpful or confusing? Take some time to talk about your questions or "ah ha moments" that we haven't already discussed.

### ***Next Steps:***

*When you are afraid. When you are tired and feel like giving up. When you feel so desperately alone in your battle. Look to I AM. Faith tells me He goes with me, just like he did Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Rahab, David, Paul and John. He is with us.*

Matthew 19:26 (NLT) <sup>26</sup> . . . "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible."

What might it look like for you to Look to I AM this week?

What are some impossible situations that you could face with God even this week?

Take some time to pray as a group for the situations that seem impossible and for an increased awareness that I AM is with us.