

MONDAY MEMO

MASTERING THE MOUNTAIN (*Matthew 17:20*)

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When it comes to facing mountains, how do we 'get bigger'? It starts with faith. Jesus said, "*I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.*" (*Matthew 17:20*)

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No doubt you're facing a mountain or two today: a mountain of debt, a mountain of fear, a mountain of uncertainty. Mountains don't move without hard work, planning, or perseverance. And these things all begin with faith. Faith gives you the courage to attempt something bigger than you. Not faith in yourself, but faith in the God for whom nothing is impossible, faith in the God who has called each of us to greatness. • STEVE MAY

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