

FAITH OPINION POLL

1. When Jesus says that “faith as small as a mustard seed” is enough to move mountains (Matthew 17:20), what do you think He meant?
 - A. Someone who’s in “peak spiritual shape” could just command a mountain (or building, or tree, or train wreck) to get out of the way if they were, for instance, late for work.
 - B. It’s only true in the spiritual sense that God solves seemingly unsolvable problems.
 - C. The greater the crisis we face, the greater the solution we can expect God to provide.

2. When someone is injured or gets a deadly disease and dies despite having strong faith, what do you think it means?
 - A. They would have lived if their faith had been just a little stronger.
 - B. We live in a broken world, and until Jesus comes, God still lets awful things happen.
 - C. Because God has an “eternal view,” He wants us to trust Him no matter what happens.

3. How do we know the difference between faith and our own presumption—(e.g., Satan tempting Jesus to jump from a building)?
 - A. Anything we can do to test our faith honors God—so let’s bring some venomous serpents to church like the Appalachian “snake handlers” do.
 - B. If it’s clearly a situation that God led you into, you can trust Him to get you out of it. If it’s basically all your fault, well . . .
 - C. Part of faith is listening to the Holy Spirit’s leading, so if we’re doing wild things without listening to the Spirit, it’s not real faith.

4. What does it mean that “faith without works” is dead (James 2:17)?
 - A. God did incredible miracles for the Israelites, but if one of them had decided to stay put in Egypt, they’d have been stuck in slavery.
 - B. Faith should change us on the inside before it does amazing things outside us.
 - C. When everything in our lives is going smoothly, we can get complacent and weak in our faith.

5. Why does God seem to work greater miracles in some people’s lives than in others?
 - A. Some people just have a lot more faith.
 - B. When we take more risks for God in faith, God rewards our faith with more miracles.
 - C. Who wants miracles when you have to go through so much stress to get to them?