

# Living the Jesus Paradoxes: 'Little is Big'

<sup>31</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. <sup>32</sup>Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

<sup>33</sup>He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough." (Matthew 13:31-33)

## Seeds, yeast and a little math . . .

<sup>10</sup> "Who dares despise the day of small things?" (Zechariah 4:10a)

<sup>15</sup> "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

<sup>20</sup> He replied, ". . . Truly I tell you, 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)

## If little is big, always remember that . . .

- ▶ Our **\_part\_** is the **\_small\_** part

<sup>31</sup>" . . . The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field." (Matthew 13:31)

- ▶ God's **\_part\_** is the **\_big\_** part

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- ▶ **\_Anything\_** is **\_possible\_**

"Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20b)

- Stay **\_faithful\_**
- Keep **\_praying\_**
- Serve **\_people\_**
- Take **\_risks\_**
- Seek **\_God\_**