



Making Room • Part 2

## Making Room for the Impossible

Luke 1:18-20

### An Impossibility Problem

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### A Faith Problem

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### What Is a Miracle?

“Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.”

—Saint Augustine (City of God, Book XX1, Chapter 8)

## Limiting Jesus

Mark 6:2-6

<sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” <sup>3</sup> Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup> **He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.** <sup>6</sup> **He was amazed at their lack of faith.**

## Pleasing God

Hebrews 11:1, 6

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. - - -

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because **anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.**

## Mustard Seeds and Mountains

Matthew 17:20

<sup>20</sup> He replied, “Because you have so little faith. 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.”

## Believing and Receiving

John 1:9-11

<sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who did receive him, **to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—** <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.