



*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. 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." Matthew 13:31-32*

Jesus talks of both the kingdom of heaven and our faith as coming like the smallest of seeds. In both cases, what we view as impossible God makes possible. In a similar fashion, our weekly 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions is the smallest form of our currency. Yet when a mustard seed of faith is applied to that giving, the Lord makes our offering grow through Word and Sacrament, then thrive on faith and fellowship. What might our collective "mustard seed of faith" giving do? The Lord knows. Isaiah 55:11 tells us, *"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."* As we see, God is both the source for the means and the end. We merely participate in faith.