

A top-down photograph of two wooden crates filled with bright yellow lemons. The crates are lined with white tissue paper and are placed on a grey cobblestone path. To the right, a portion of a woven basket filled with lemons is visible. The scene is brightly lit, casting soft shadows.

*52 Weeks
of Power*

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"The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" - Judges 6:14

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." - Matthew 17:20

Doubt doesn't always shout. Sometimes it whispers:

"You're not enough."

"You don't have what it takes."

"God wouldn't use someone like you."

Gideon heard those whispers too. When we first meet him in Judges 6, he's hiding in fear, trying to survive. An angel of the Lord calls him a "mighty warrior," but Gideon doesn't see that when he looks at himself. He immediately lists all the reasons he's not the guy for the job: he's from the weakest tribe, and he's the least in his family.

But God doesn't respond with Gideon's accomplishments. Instead, He simply says:

"Go in the strength you have. Am I not sending you?"

God didn't ask Gideon to be someone else, He asked him to trust and obey with what he already had. The same is true for you and me.

Jesus told His disciples that even faith as small as a mustard seed is enough to move mountains. It's not about having perfect faith; it's about having real faith. Sincere, even if

it's small. Because in God's hands, a little can do a lot.

Doubt may knock on the door, but it doesn't have to take you out. Your calling isn't built on your confidence, it's built on your obedience. God sees strength in you, even when all you see is fear.

So today, go in the strength you have. God is with you and He's more than enough.

READ:

Judges 6:11 - 7:23

REFLECT:

1. What area of your life have you been hesitating in because you feel under-qualified or unsure? How might God be inviting you to "go in the strength you have" today?
2. What's one "mustard seed" step of faith you can take this week?

PRAYER:

God, help me to move forward even when I feel afraid. I may not feel ready, but I trust that You are with me. Replace my doubt with faith. Do what only You can do. Amen.