



If God promised to say “yes” to one request, what would be your one request? Think of prayers in general, both your prayers and prayers of others, what do people tend to pray about the most? Remember that prayer is not getting what we want, but submitting ourselves to God and getting what He wants!

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read and meditate on [Mark 11:12-25](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important?
2. Do you think Jesus is teaching us to merely think positively? Or name and claim what we want?
3. What is the importance of us praying *with* faith? (Hint: [Matthew 7:7-11](#); [9:29-30](#); [11:24-25](#))
4. What are some ways you’ve seen God work in others to build up their confidence and trust in Him? Have you experienced that in your own life? How? (Hint: [1<sup>st</sup> John 5:13-15](#))
5. Does this mean if we have any doubts we will not receive what we ask for? (Hint: [James 1:6-8](#))
6. By believing and not doubting can we get whatever WE want? Why or why not? (Hint: [James 4:1-4](#))
7. How might unforgiveness and other relational issues affect our ability to pray with faith? (Hint: [James 5:13-16](#), [Hebrews 12:15](#), [1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7](#)) What does this passage say about the relationship between faith and forgiveness? When do you find it most difficult for you to forgive others?
8. Think again about [Mark 11:22-25](#). In your own words, how would you explain what Jesus was teaching to someone else.

### MOVING FORWARD

Pray for any requests that may have left you feeling confused, uncertain or even unheard. Be open and honest with God. He can handle it. Ask Him to help you examine your heart, your motives and your faith. Ask God for a willingness to hear whatever His answer (*yes, no or wait*), whatever it may be for you, and to trust in His goodness and His wisdom. Be challenged to reexamine your faith in your conversations with God.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

<sup>23</sup> I assure you: If anyone says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [Mark 11:23](#)