



# THE PLUG

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## January focus: Faith, Speaking, & Belief

**PLUG VERSE OF THE WEEK: [Matthew 17:20] “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.”**

[Bible verses: Mark 11:22-24; Matthew 17:20; James 1:6]

### Ice Breaker Game:

### DISCUSSION:

- When you think about who you are becoming, what role does God play in that journey?
- What’s a challenge you’re facing right now where faith could change how you respond?
- How do you think your generation can make a real impact through your faith, even without money or influence?

**Faith isn’t about having everything figured out – it’s about trusting that God is guiding you even when life feels uncertain. You don’t have to be perfect to walk with Him; you just have to be willing. God walks with you in the middle of your questions, your dreams, and even your doubts, shaping you into who you’re meant to become.**

### Mark 11: 22-24

#### Faith That Trusts God for Real Life

**Let’s be honest—when life gets messy with friends, family, school, or stress, trusting God isn’t always easy. Jesus knew that. That’s why in Mark 11:22–24, He talks about a kind of faith that believes God can work even when things feel impossible.**

#### Have faith in God = Trust, not hype

Jesus isn’t saying, “Just believe really hard and you’ll get whatever you want.”

He’s saying, **put your trust in God, not in yourself.**

Faith isn’t pretending everything is fine.

Faith is saying, *“God, I don’t have control—but You do.”*

For teens, this looks like: (1) Trusting God when friend drama blows up| (2) Trusting God when family stuff feels heavy| (3) Trusting God when you don’t know what’s next

## **Faith doesn't mean no doubts—it means no quitting**

Jesus talks about not doubting, but that doesn't mean you never feel unsure. It means you **don't give up on God** when things don't change right away.

You can still: Feel nervous| Feel frustrated| Have questions

But faith says, *"I'm still choosing God."*

## **Prayer is talking to God like He actually listens**

*Jesus says when you pray, believe that God hears you.*

*Prayer isn't: A wish list| A last resort| Fancy words*

*Prayer is saying:*

*"God, here's what I'm dealing with. I need Your help." And sometimes God answers by: Changing the situation| Changing other people| Changing you so you can handle it*

## **God's answers may look different than you expect**

God doesn't promise everything will instantly get fixed.

He promises that **He is working**. So faith might look like: Peace instead of panic| Strength instead of escape| Wisdom instead of revenge

That's still God moving.

## **Connecting Questions:**

What makes trusting God hard as a teen?

How can faith change the way you react to problems?

## **Prayer Request**

### **Tithes**

**Altar Call:** Looking to be baptized or rededicate life to God.

**Announcements: Connect 21**