



## Introduction

We are in week three of our series, *The Father You Never Knew*, and this week Pastor Jesse is using verses from Genesis to talk about how God is more powerful than you can ever imagine. We live in a world where the power of God competes with the power of sin. Sin's power no longer rules this world; God's power does. Nothing is so broken Jesus can't fix it. We can experience His power by believing in the One who has made us perfect in our weakness through His triumph over death and resurrection as our King and Savior!

## Discussion

1. **Read Mark 6:5-6.** What hindered Jesus' ministry in this community? Does God still show His power through miracles today? Share one miracle you have witnessed or heard of with your group. How did the faith of the person(s) involved affect this miracle?
2. Take turns as a group reading through **Acts 4**. These verses tell of the power of the Gospel and the beginning of the church. Remember these people witnessed the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a society where many people rejected His message. Discuss what this kind of power would look like in the modern church.
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9.** Discuss what this verse means as a group. Then take a couple minutes to reflect and ask the Lord to reveal one weakness you have right now in your life. Write it on a sheet of paper, pray to release this weakness to God, and exchange it for His strength. Destroy the paper!

## Think About It

"...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]. Our God, the great Creator, who spoke the world into being, who gave His only beloved Son to die for us and raised Him up, to destroy the power of death, has given each of us the power to "move mountains"—of sin, shame, defeat— if we only have faith, the size of a mustard seed, to believe in Him.

## Do Something

1. Write 2 Corinthians 12:9 in a place where you will see it when you wake in the morning—on a mirror, wall, refrigerator, etc. Pray through this verse as God reveals to you areas of weakness you need to release to Him for His strength. Find a trusted friend or accountability partner to share your struggles with and encourage your faith walk.
2. If you are not in a discipleship relationship or small group, consider signing up for a Mark small group online at [prairielakeschurch.org/groups](http://prairielakeschurch.org/groups) or at your campus.
3. If you are in a small group, plan some events this fall you could invite people in your circle to—tailgaters, backyard barbeques, bonfires, etc.