

Scripture InSight

Bible Society in Northern Ireland

Scripture Reference: Matthew 17:20

Bible Translation: New International Version

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, 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."

Reflections:

This phrase 'nothing is impossible' was so true when I attempted to summit Mount Everest in 2009.

On the long journey to summit you consider many things. On the night of the summit push, you climb alone for many hours without communicating – except I never felt alone.

And to stand on top of the highest mountain at sunrise must surely be one of the most moving moments of my life. I never felt afraid; I knew that I would be okay.

At summit, it was like God had switched a light on at sunrise; it was a bright white light circling the earth only for a few seconds before day break, but you could clearly see the curvature of the earth. I felt as small as a grain of sand.



Lynne Hanna and her husband Noel were the first married couple from Northern Ireland to reach the summit of Mount Everest in May 2009.