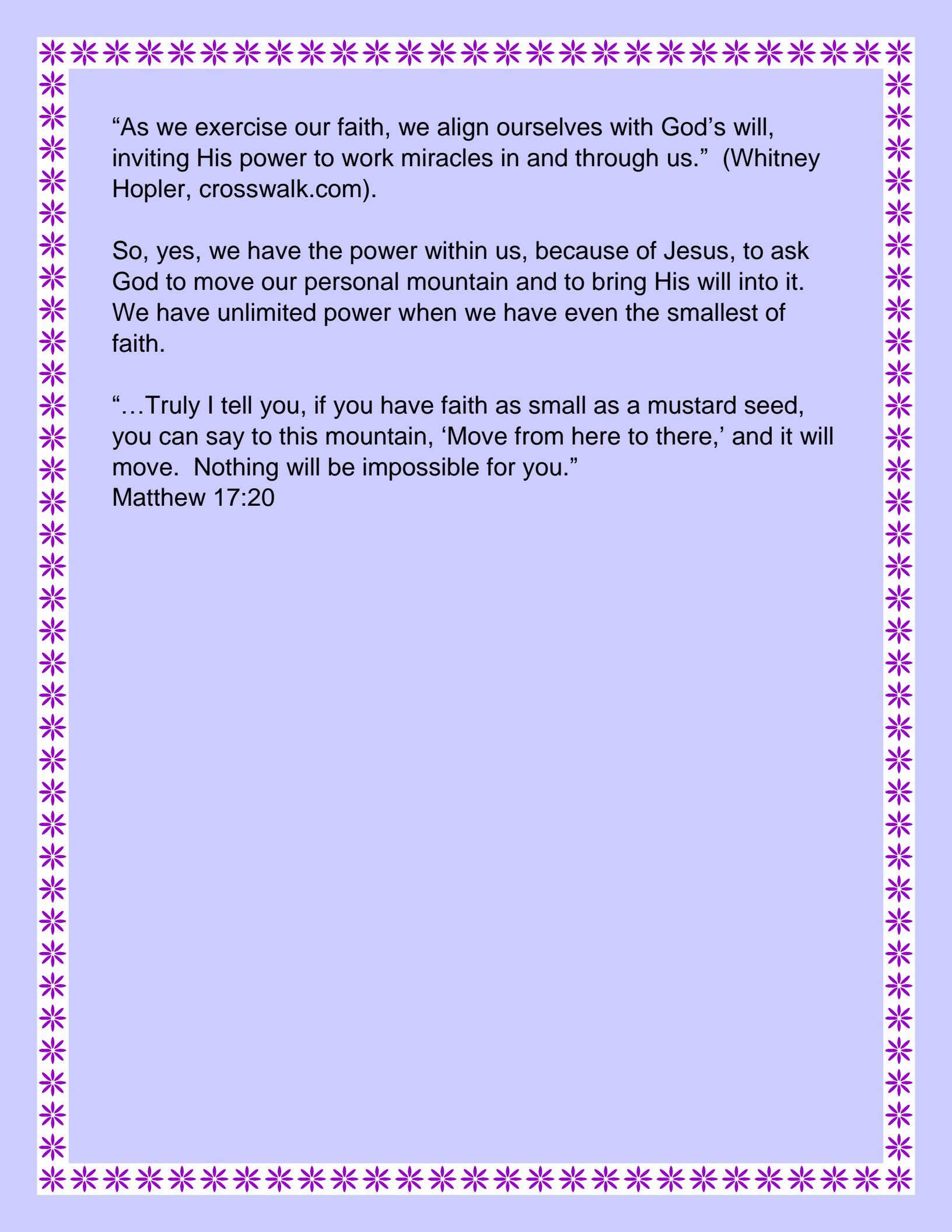


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Barry and I traveled to Yellowstone and the Grand Teton mountains a couple of years ago. (I HIGHLY recommend going there, btw). I remember looking at those magnificent mountains and thinking about the majesty of God. How He had made those mountains and they seemed to be pointing up towards heaven and to Him. I was God-smacked!

In Matthew 17, Jesus tells us that if we have faith as small as a tiny itty bitty mustard seed (my verbiage), then we could tell the mountains to move and they would. We have to take that verse in context with the story behind it. In essence, Jesus was telling His disciples (and us today), that our faith can overcome mountainous size problems in our lives. Problems that have us frozen in place and scared to death that things will never be better. It only takes just a little bit of genuine faith and trust in God's almighty power to change things, my friends.

Mountains are large and solid and unyielding, and our problems seem to be just like them sometimes. For example; a scary diagnosis about your health, a determined spouse wanting a divorce, a rebellious teenager who flaunts all the rules and is "running" down a destructive path; all of these are so overwhelmingly mountainous to change, and they terrify us. However, God tells us in His word, that if we take our problems to Him in prayer and believe that He has the power to handle it, then it will be taken care of for us! He has done it for us before, remember? Remember when He answered our prayers from the past? Remember when He took care of a particular issue that had you bogged down with worry? God hasn't changed His character and He will be there again for you.

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“As we exercise our faith, we align ourselves with God’s will, inviting His power to work miracles in and through us.” (Whitney Hopley, crosswalk.com).

So, yes, we have the power within us, because of Jesus, to ask God to move our personal mountain and to bring His will into it. We have unlimited power when we have even the smallest of 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