

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

You Asked For It, Pt. 3

Sowing & Growing

Matthew 6:9-10, "In this manner, therefore, pray:
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**"

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Matthew 13:31-32, Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "**The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches.**"

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"The kingdom of heaven is **like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field**"

Vs. 24, "The kingdom of heaven is like **a man who sowed good seed in his field**"

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It appears that **if God answers** our prayer...
- There will be much **sowing of seed** in fields
- **Vs. 38** says, "**The field is the world**"

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Vs. 37 says, "**He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.**"

And He said, "**As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"

This fits with the last thing He said as He returned to heaven...

Acts 1:8, "you will be **My witnesses** in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth.**"

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Vs. 38 says, "the good **seeds** are the **sons of the kingdom**"

Luke 8:11 says, "The **seed** is the word of God."

- **Jesus is the word, (John 1:1)**
- "**As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.**"
- So, we are sent (sown) by Him, **to sow what He sows**

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Jesus, **the word**, is the seed (Singular) & the one who sows **the seed**

- He sows & sends **good seeds** (plural) – "sons of the kingdom" – **us...**
- To **grow & sow** good seeds – more "**sons of the kingdom**"

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Matthew 28:18-20, And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. (6:10 prayer) Go therefore (as you are going) and make disciples (good seeds) of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe (as you do) all things that I have commanded you.**"

- **Observe/obey** = Keep safe from all loss or harm

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Mark 16:15, "And He said to them, "**Go into all the world** (the field) and preach the gospel to every creature."

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Luke 24:46-49, Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations** (peoples), beginning at Jerusalem. And **you are witnesses of these things**. Behold, I send the **Promise of My Father upon you**; but **tarry in the city until you are endued with power from on high**."

- This is about what **He does** in us & through us

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Acts 1:8, "**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses** (sown seeds) in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and **to the ends of the earth**." (The field)

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field (his community), which indeed **is the least of (Matt. 5:3) all the seeds; but when it is grown"**

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The kingdom of heaven is about growth, not size

- **Tiny** when sown, it **grows** into a tree (actual tree in Palestine)
- The kingdom is first about **the growth of Christ in** people, not how many people
- "Teaching them to **observe all things that I have commanded you**."
- To grow up to become **seed bearing**, & seed sowing
- He desires **quality** before quantity.
- **He drew crowds that called for Barabbas**

"When it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree"

- Sons of the kingdom can't sow **until they grow**
- We can't give what we don't have
- "Teaching them to **observe** (keep/obey) **all things that I have commanded you**"
- **Learn, apply**, then cultivate in others

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 What is the first thing **sown, received & applied** in us?

- "You will be **My witnesses**" – (evidence of who He is)
- What's the first thing we have to sow in someone else?
- **Who Jesus is**

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John 1:45-46, Philip tells his friend, Nathanael... "**Come and see**."

- **How** do we sow the **first** seed of our faith?
- **Invitation** to come and see for yourself..
- **Who Jesus is**
- If it's not about **who He is**, it's off the mark
- Some will come just for the bread

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"So that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

- **Why do birds nest?**
- To reproduce...

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**** Next Sunday, February 2nd, Food & Prayer ****