

PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

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Parable - in Greek / to make a point of something familiar and known

Matthew 13: 31-32

Less is more when God is involved



Story about a Harvard University student who on the uni holidays would go to the football field in a black and white striped shirt and put seed down on the field and then blow a whistle and he eventually trained all the birds to come on command.

Uni goes back and football season starts - the umpire comes out in his black and white striped shirt and blows the starting whistle - the game was delayed for an hour. He went back and did his masters on his study and got honors.

1. Size DOESN'T matter!

Mustard seed is the smallest of seeds

But when it grows it becomes the largest of plants even to a tree

That seed was put into the hands of the farmer, he fertilized it, nurtured it and it grew

It all depends on who is holding the seed

No matter what gift, talent or resource you have if you offer it to God - size doesn't matter

2. God wants you to GROW!

When the mustard seed grows it becomes the largest of trees so that the birds of the air can come and perch on the branches - birds represent family, friends, work mates, people around us who don't know God etc

So other people will see it and be drawn to us

Beyond the garden size mustard plant - to a tree

Light and salt to the people around us

He wants us to be bigger than we can imagine and our minds can conceive

3. There is NOTHING beyond your ability

When we take the little of our talent or resource and put it in his hands - with God's strength anything is possible

An idea that can change a single nation starts with one, a Christian family - starts with one

4th century monk - Talamakas who lived outside of Rome. God stirred him to go to Rome. The gladiator battles were starting - everyone one cheering for more blood - then he thought to himself "aren't these children of God?" and jumped into the arena and repeatedly said to them to stop - they killed him - his last words were "in Christ's name -stop". Everyone went silent and one by one started walking out and it was the last gladiator battle in Rome. By his death one man let loose something that changed an entire nation.

Doesn't need to be in the nation - even just in our home, school, work placement