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NEW FRUIT FROM ANCIENT SEEDS

Mark 4:30-32 (NLT). *Jesus said, "How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."*

Potential: Something that has the possibility of being, manifesting or existing in the future.

SINCE THE POTENTIAL IS IN THE SEED:

1. WE CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE THE [SIZE] OF THE SEED.

Mark 4:31-32 (NLT). *"[The mustard seed] is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants..."*

If you don't like the fruit of the harvest in 2024, start planting different seeds - because the potential is in the seed.

Don't focus on the size of the seed - focus on the potential of the harvest.

Luke 16:10 (NLT). *If you are faithful in small things, you will be faithful in big things.*

2. NOR IGNORE THE TIME IT TAKES TO SEE [GROWTH].

Mark 4:26-29 (NLT). *Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."*

Sometimes, what we are doing today – planting good seeds to get the best results in the future – is the very thing the enemy wants to stop because the devil understands the potential of a seed.

Galatians 6:9 (NLT). *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. [planting seeds - Passion Translation] At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

3. MINIMIZE THE [SACRIFICE] TO SEE THE HARVEST.

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Many of us want harvests from seeds we never planted.

John 12:24 (NLT). *I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.*

There is no harvest without process, and there is no process without sacrifice.



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