

**Mark 4:26-29**

**The Mystery of  
Kingdom Growth**



# Mark 4:26-29 (ESV)

- 26 *The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.*
- 27 *He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.*
- 28 *The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.*
- 29 *But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*

# Parable of the Growing Seed

**Picture:** Do I realize the *Power* in God's Word?

**Mirror:** Is that *Power growing* in me now?  
Am I faithfully *sowing* it in others?

**Window:** Am I *anticipating* the Final Harvest?

# The Power in God's Word

**WHAT** we sow (God's Word), and **THAT** we sow it, is more important than our "sowing technique" ...even scattering works!

**V. 27 (NIV)** *Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.*

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**V. 28** *The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.*

**Seed growth is powerful, just not showy.**

# The Power in God's Word

**Scott Grant:** *The parable encourages us to engage in kingdom work but also to do so rhythmically—to cast our seeds and go to sleep, to do the work and get out of the way. For it's possible to smother the seeds if we hover over them. Hovering can not only smother God's work in others, it can also smother his work in us. Many of us, because we don't trust God, place impossible burdens on ourselves to produce results. We leave no room for God to work in others or in ourselves.*

# Faithfulness Counts!

**VV. 26-27:** *The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.*

**1 Cor 4:1-2** *(We are) servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.*

# Joy at the Final Harvest!

**V. 29** *But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*

**Luke 15:10** *I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*



# Encouraging Signs of Life!

- ❑ 2002: A Hardened Army NCO
- ❑ 2005: A Surprising Farewell Card
- ❑ 2012: A Recent Facebook Post

# FaceBook Post

“God...please help me to remember that my feelings may be deceiving to me.  
Help me to remember that my only hope is through my relationship with You.  
God please give me knowledge of Your will for me and the power to carry it out, just for today....just for this moment.  
God thank You for the clarity of knowing You are the only sure solution.”

# Joy at the Final Harvest!

Let us not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will reap a harvest  
if we do not give up.

**Galatians 6:9**