



Daily Reflections

January 31, 2020

Scripture

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the Kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit,
first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.
And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come.”

He said,

“To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants
and puts forth large branches,
so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”

With many such parables

he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them,

but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

Our Scripture Reflection

Using wonderful metaphors from the world of farming, Jesus described the working of the Kingdom of God as well as the life of the believer within it:

1. It starts small but has the potential to grow into something huge. Faith is like that as well. It's begins small and then with our effort and God's Grace, saints are born!
2. It's the ups and downs and sideways of life; the victories and the agonies that shape and form the person with a little bit of faith into a true disciple. The virtue of perseverance is so important to the process.

Food for your Journey

A renowned headmaster of the English boarding school Harrow, H. O. Davidson, believed that certain boys were born to fail. He wrote in the permanent record of one young man, "He is forgetful, careless, unpunctual, irregular in every way. He is unable to conquer his slovenliness. He will never make a success of public school."

How would any of us like to have those words in our permanent record so early in life, especially by one who was so respected and knowledgeable? Fortunately, Winston Churchill heard other voices and listened to them.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, You have called me to the wonderful vocation of being Your disciple. To witness to You, I must imitate You which is a humbling task, to say the least. But with work on my part and the help of Your Grace, all things are possible. Amen