



Daily Reflections

January 29, 2021

Scripture

Mark 4:26-34

And he said: So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the earth, And should sleep, and rise, night and day, and the seed should spring, and grow up whilst he knoweth not.

For the earth of itself bringeth forth fruit, first the blade, then the ear, afterwards the full corn in the ear.

And when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

And he said: To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? or to what parable shall we compare it?

It is as a grain of mustard seed: which when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that are in the earth:

And when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches, so that the birds of the air may dwell under the shadow thereof.

And with many such parables, he spoke to them the word, according as they were able to hear. And without parable he did not speak unto them; but apart, he explained all things to his disciples.

Our Scripture Reflection

In using the seed as a metaphor, Jesus teaches His disciples about the Kingdom of God:

1. It starts out in very small ways, like the mustard seeds the smallest of seeds. But huge growth can be expected.
2. It's growth is slow, like the growth of a plant. One day you see a bit of growth and before you realize it, great things are happening.

Patience, perseverance and hope are required.

Food for your Journey

The fruit of SILENCE is Prayer, the fruit of PRAYER is Faith, the fruit of FAITH is Love, the fruit of LOVE is Service, the fruit of SERVICE is Peace.

--Printed on Mother Teresa's "business" cards.

A Prayer from the Heart

Precious Lord, As I go about my day to day living of the Faith, May I strive to remain focused on living Your Gospel to the very best of my ability. May trials and setbacks never cause me to lose hope. May I live my Faith one step, one day at a time and in doing so, give You glory. Amen