

Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Luke 13:18-21

Jesus said, "What is the Kingdom of God like?

To what can I compare it?

It is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in the garden.

When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches."

Again he said, "To what shall I compare the Kingdom of God?

It is like yeast that a woman took

and mixed in with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened."

Our Scripture Reflection

Using the examples of a tiny seed and a small amount of yeast, Jesus teaches that the Kingdom of God starts out small and grows large. The same can be said of faith which begins small but with work, can become large and strong. God's Grace can do amazing things!

Food for your Journey

Though I do not believe that a plant will spring up where no seed has been, I have great faith in a seed. Convince me that you have a seed there, and I am prepared to expect wonders.

In the spring of 1857, I planted six seeds sent to me by the Patent Office, and labeled, I think, Poitrine jaune grosse, large yellow squash. Two came up, and one bore a squash that weighed 123½ pounds, the other bore four, weighing together 186¼ pounds. Who would have believed that there was 310 pounds of poitrine jaune grosse in that corner of my garden? The seeds were the bait I used to catch it, my ferrets which I sent into its burrow, my brace of terriers which unearthed it. A little mysterious hoeing and manuring was all the abracadabra presto change that I used, and lo! true to the label, they found me 310 pounds of poitrine jaune grosse there, where it never was known to be, nor was before.

--Henry David Thoreau, "The Succession of Forest Trees," in *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau: Excursions, translations, and poems* (Houghton Mifflin, 1906), 203.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Through the power of Your Grace, make my faith unshakeable and strong. With You at my side, may I pass through the storms in this life and bring You Glory. Amen.

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