

SERMON NOTES

THE SEED OF FAITH (PART I)

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□ EVERYTHING BEGINS AS A SEED

- "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth'; and it was so." Genesis 1:11
- All things began as a **SEED**
- Adam was the seed of humanity; Jesus is the seed of salvation
- We are the "seed" of Abraham (Galatians 3)
- A seed is something of **VALUE** that I give away
- A seed is an INVESTMENT into my Kingdom destiny

□ NOTHING HAPPENS UNTIL <u>A SEED IS PLA</u>NTED

- "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain." – John 12:24
- For the seed to be <u>USEFUL</u>, it must be planted; it must die to <u>GIVE LIFE!</u>
- "And He said, 'The Kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how." – Mark 4:26-27
- The Kingdom of God (PEACE) is about sowing seed
- The seed has **PURPOSE**...to be **SOWN!**

□ WHEN I HAVE NEED I SHOULD SOW A SEED

- "In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know which will prosper, either this or that, or whether both alike will be good." – Ecclesiastes 11:6
- You should <u>AIM</u> your seed, but let God set the <u>TARGET</u>
- "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself." Proverbs 11:25
- GENEROSITY is the key to RECIPROCITY

□ WHATEVER I PLANT IS WHAT I'LL REAP

- "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." –
 Galatians 6:7
- What goes around comes around
- "They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud;
 It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens would swallow it up." Hosea 8:7
- For good or bad, we will get a return on our <u>INVESTMENT</u>
- ☐ YOU ARE NOT THE ONLY SOWER

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- "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors." – John 4:48
- At times, you will reap from what **OTHERS** have sown
- □ I WILL ALWAYS REAP IN A DIFFERENT SEASON THAN I SOW
 - "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven...A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted..." Ecclesiastes 3:1-5
 - The is a time for **EVERYTHING!**

WHAT SEED DO YOU NEED TO SOW TODAY?



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