



Small Beginnings

Series: Kingdom Stories for Everyday Life

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-34; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-21

These parables assure us that despite all _____, God's kingdom will _____.

Parable of the Mustard Seed (vv31-32)

- God's Kingdom starts _____.
 - God isn't interested in flash and show.
 - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29
- God's Kingdom will grow _____.

Parable of the Yeast (vv33-34)

- God's Kingdom remains _____ at first.
- While it may be hidden, but it will _____.
- Matthew 6:10

Application for us:

1. Always remember that God doesn't _____ small _____.
2. God _____ what is _____ to Him.
3. _____ in the _____ things opens the door to _____ things.
4. Divine _____ is a _____ of God's _____, not human strength.
5. Divine increase should always _____ God, not _____.

Start talking.

- What's something small in your life right now that feels insignificant but takes a lot of faith to keep doing?
- Have you ever seen something small grow into something much bigger than you expected?

Start thinking:

- Why do you think Jesus chose small and ordinary images like seeds and yeast to describe the Kingdom of Heaven?
- What tension do you feel between wanting quick results and trusting God's sometimes slow, hidden work?
- How do these parables reshape the way we measure success in God's Kingdom versus the world?

Start Sharing:

- Where in your life do you feel God inviting you to stay faithful in something small?
- Can you share a time when God used a small act of obedience to bring about greater impact?
- In what ways do you struggle to trust that God is working even when you can't see results?

Start Praying:

- What area of your life do you need to surrender more fully to God so He can bring growth?
- How can we pray for patience, faithfulness, and trust as God works in hidden ways?

Heavenly Father, Help me to not despise the day of small beginnings, but to trust in the immense potential You place within me and simple acts of faith. Like the mustard seed, may my faith grow into a great tree, offering shelter and life to others, and like the yeast, may Your transforming grace spread through my heart and actions, leavening the whole world. Empower me to be faithful in small things, to share Your love and truth, and to be patient witnesses to Your quiet, powerful work. May Your kingdom grow in and through me, bringing hope and transforming everything. Amen.

Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week

- What is one small, faithful step you can take this week to participate in God's Kingdom work?
- How can you practice consistency in obedience rather than waiting for "big" opportunities?
- Who is one person or place where you can quietly live out Kingdom influence like yeast in dough this week?