

Mystery of Seeds

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I trust the rest will join us.

Please just use emoji to show we are following...

Lord Jesus, we ask that you open our hearts to understand your word today.

Help us see light in your light.

Amen!!

It is another cycle of Bible study, please remember, ***learn, check, believe and act.***

ACTING ON THE WORD IS KOKO.

This week, I will taking is through the Theme : ***THE MYSTERY OF SEEDS***

The first time I got fascinated with the scriptural use of seeds in the scripture is from Genesis.

*_And God said, Let the earth put forth [tender] vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees yielding fruit ***WHOSE SEED IS IN ITSELF***, each according to its kind, upon the earth. And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed according to their own kinds and trees ***BEARING FRUIT IN WHICH WAS THEIR SEED,*** each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good (suitable, admirable) and He approved it._*

Genesis 1:11-12 AMPC

When God created vegetation, he created them in such a manner that they carried seeds, it is because of these seeds that ***continuity is possible.***

A SEED IS A UNIT OF CONTINUITY

WHAT IS A SEED?

Agriculturally, a seed is THE UNIT OF REPRODUCTION of a flowering plant, CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING INTO ANOTHER SUCH PLANT.

Have you ever wondered how you plant a tiny seed and it grows into a huge tree?

IN EVERY SEED IS THE CAPACITY TO MAKE A FOREST.

Many people have missed out on the ***BIG THINGS*** because they ***DESPISE the SMALL THINGS!***

If you throw a seed away, because it is small, the tree or forest won't come.

****_Many people have lost out on things they can do or become because they thought their SEED is not BIG ENOUGH._****

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A SEED.

What is that 'little thing' on your hands now that God is asking you to set out to do?

It may look small, but you can't predict how much it will eventually grow into.

STOP DESPISING YOUR SEEDS.

Stop belittling the capacity you have.

Stop thinking what you have or know is too small for anyone to gain from.

STOP BELITTLING YOUR CAPACITY!

And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Genesis 1:28 AMPC

Another story by way of compliment is

He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field. Of all the seeds it is the smallest, but when it has grown it is the largest of the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and find shelter in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32 AMPC

Now, the mustard seed isn't exactly the smallest seed, but Jesus used it here as an explanation of what he was talking about.

The Jews in that time had a saying like *_ "as small as mustard seed",_* hence the use. But away from that.

Note, *_ "...but when it has grown it is the largest of the garden herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and find shelter in its branches."_*

YOUR SEED CAN GROW TO BECOME A PLACE OF SAFETY FOR OTHERS. A PLACE WHERE OTHERS WILL FIND THEIR OWN SEEDS.

Every time you withhold expressing the seed(s) in your hands, you deprive another the opportunity to find theirs!

Stop talking down yourself and belittling that ability of yours.

Stop saying things like, "it is not my type that teach people things"

Let's look at

Characteristics of a seed

1. STRENGTH

Notice that when you plant a seed, despite the amount of dirt and earth that covers it, with enough water, sunlight and fertilizer, it pushes back the earth and sprouts.

See, you are like a seed, when trouble comes around you and it looks like your being buried under it, because of the life of Christ flowing in you, you have the strength of rise above anything! Don't write yourself off!!

2. PLANTING.

A seed that remains on the hand (like an idea that only stays in your heart) cannot produce any result.

THE LIFE OF A SEED IS ACTUALLY IN ITS DEATH!

(We will look at this in subsequent days)

*_I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains [just one grain; it never becomes more but lives] by itself alone. ***But if it dies, it produces many others and yields a rich harvest.***_*

John 12:24 AMPC

A seed that doesn't die wont reproduce.

A seed you hoard wont reproduce.

A SEED HAS TO BE PLANTED TO PRODUCE FRUITS

3. ALIVE!

A seed may look dead but IT IS ALIVE. It may look like it doesn't worth much, but it does.

A seed isn't as attractive as the fruit, but that shouldn't deceive you.

It is alive!

Most times we are jealous of other people's fruit when we refused to plant the seed in our own hands.

4. MULTIPLICATIVE CAPACITY

A seed has the capacity to multiply which is why I said that you can find a forest in a seed.

A seed when planted, can produce a tree that drops more seeds that produce more trees and it continues like that.

Now the results of planting a seed are even beyond just fruits and trees, it provides shade (depending on the kind of tree), provides a house for birds, provides various 'seeds' for different spheres of life.

Remember I mentioned that not planting your seed deprives another the privilege of planting theirs.

What is that seed in your hand?

Do you know it?

Can you identify it?

Next time we will more at how

Your life, the Kingdom of God, the word and Faith is a seed.

Before then, I want to set your heart to identify and plant the seed God has given you.

Please let's pray, then I'll take questions.

Prayer

Lord, please help me identify the seeds you have given me

Lord, the seeds I have identified and planted, Lord please I receive growth!!

Holy Ghost, we bask in the power of your word.

Your word is true and alive, and we are assured of its ability to birth life within us!

Glory to Jesus!!

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Please say with me.

Your word is true!

Your word is powerful!

Your word is alive!

..and it produces corresponding result in my life!

On Monday we started out on ***The Mystery of Seeds***

We talked about

1. What a seed is.
2. Don't despise your seed
3. The capacity of a seed
4. The characteristics of a seed

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I think that summarises it.

Today, we want to look at

JESUS AS THE TRUE SEED!

I had mentioned yesterday that we will look at some themes, faith as a seed, your life as a seed, kingdom as a seed and things along that line, but as I prepared, I felt we should go on this direction.

Please follow closely.

I pray this grants some people clarity!

Jesus as the True SEED!

Remember we said A seed has a multiplicative effect and that it is alive amongst other characteristics.

As we go through scriptures, we find that ***Jesus was the not-so-valued seed who would grow up like a young plant, propagate, multiply then fill the earth with His children.***

It is Jesus in us that empowers to multiply in others eternally.

Now note, we are not multiplying ourselves like many say, ***it is Christ that we are multiplying!***

Anything you are doing whether, it is ministry, or a brand you are growing, ***the crux is not to see yourself multiplied.***

Imagine you with all your weaknesses and limitations multiplied ehn. ???

The crux is ***Jesus be multiplied.***

Church is not about promoting the pastor, the church name or the vibe, ***it is about am I seeing Jesus? Is Jesus being formed in me?***

For through the eternal and living Word of God you have been born again. And this "seed" that he planted within you can never be destroyed but will live and grow inside of you forever..

1 Peter 1:23 TPT

The seed that God has put in us through our believing in Christ ***lives and grows inside of us forevermore!***

Hallelujah!!

Christ is the seed on our inside that grants us the capacity to multiply.

Let me make this clear: A single grain of wheat will never be more than a single grain of wheat unless it drops into the ground and dies. Because then it sprouts and produces a great harvest of wheat—all because one grain died.

John 12:24 TPT

Jesus was planted like a seed, that we may come alive.

Through Jesus we have become joint-heirs!

That said, let's go back quickly to the ***works of our hand***.

I was saying that it is key that ***what you do is towards the end that Jesus be glorified.***

Please say with me,

I am Aremo Oluwatobi

The works of my hand bring glory to Christ!

Some of us have a deep desire to serve God with everything we have but *_life happens._*[?]

The issues of life, money making, taking care of others, relationships and all this just seem to want to kill that desire. It is almost like you can't keep up.

Very overwhelming something.

Some of you might have even contemplated going into what we call "full time ministry" because your careers and businesses aren't working so well.

Maybe God doesn't want you to make money so that you will not forget him?????

Or maybe you are making so much progress in your business and career now that you feel bad that you can't do ministry and that thought of you falling God's hand continually drags you down.

Please pay attention.

As long as you are a FULL TIME BELIEVER, you are in FULL TIME MINISTRY!

That demarcation was only used to explain something.

Some people work and pastor while some don't do any 'work' except "church work"

See, As long as you are a believer, you are called into a 24-7 ministry of reconciliation.

WE ARE ALL SUPPOSE TO MULTIPLY CHRIST ON THIS EARTH.

Now that 'seed' in your hand can be likened to the lion and bear that David killed, that led him to killing Goliath, winning battles and eventually becoming King of Israel.

That job, career and business is a seed God is granting unto you as a medium of multiplying Him.

Don't begin to think that seed is the end point!

That career, business is not the END POINT.

It is not!!

Glory to Jesus!!!

Who says you can't carry the prophetic unction as a banker such that you can inform your Managers about economic shifts before it occurs.

Like Joseph, who says you can't operate in the Word of wisdom that you provide solutions to the issues of colleagues and business partners within your sphere.

Chai!!!

Who says like David, you can't raise men from nothing to become strong men within that industry with their focus on Christ all the way!

All the way!!!!

Please let's just pray in the Holy Ghost together for some seconds.

We need insight!

We need sight to properly position ourselves for the work of the Master.

We were not saved to just netflix and chill!

We were not saved to amass wealth.

Wealth itself is for the ministry.

The favour and open doors is to the end that God be glorified!

Please let's sing this song together as we wrap up.

In my life, be glorified. Be glorified!

Then Jesus came close to them and said, "All the authority of the universe has been given to me. Now wherever you go, make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you. And never forget that I am with you every day, even to the completion of this age."

Matthew 28:18-20 TPT

Ladies, the great commission is your life commission!

Then the seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and a loud voice broke forth in heaven, saying: ***"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our God and of his Anointed One!"** He will reign supreme for an eternity of eternities!"

Revelation 11:15 TPT

Let's live like we have a life beyond here.

Plant and nurture that seed!

Hallelujah!!!

Thank you for your word Jesus!

We receive light and instruction comes to our hearts.

Amen!!

For somebody here, an instruction will come to your heart on what to do

God says ***Be quick to do!***

For somebody, you already have the instruction, but you have been waiting for confirmation whether you should go ahead or not, ***this is conformation, STEP OUT***

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Thank you for showing face.

How Re you today?

Lord, we thank you that you hear us always.

We enjoy your insight tonight in Jesus name!

Tonight, the last part of the Mystery of Seed series, we will be looking at

TIME AND PROCESS OF SEED

Let's look at these two key factors for a seed

TIME AMD PROCESS

TIME

Seed time and harvest time.

Remember we talked about planting and multiplication as a characteristic of seed.

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 8:22

There is time for seed and a time for harvest.

_ *NO MAN EXPECTS AN HARVEST EXCEPT HE HAS PLANTED A SEED.* _

Please note, if a man tills the ground, waters it *_and plants nothing, he gets nothing._*

There is time for the seed planting.

Generally speaking, both seasons can be simultaneous. You can be planting and be harvesting in two different areas of life, simultaneously.

Whether spiritually, physically, financially or even on a relationship, there is seed time.

For example, times of personal study of the word and praying, spending time with God is seed time.

The day something negative comes calling, you can easily declare with faith what should happen. Then you get the harvest!

You can't tell issues to wait for you to go prepare o.

#offside!

Seed time!

When your harvest time comes, you get fruits, and this can be divided into

1. Bread

2. seed.

Bread is for your consumption.

You can spend it or utilize it.

Then seed is what *_should be sowed again._*

That is how continuity occurs!

For example, the scenario I painted before,

The ***harvest*** at time will be a manifestation of what was declared , and the ***seed*** would be strengthened faith.

Same applies to business.

Don't eat your seed.

Your profit should have a percentage going back into investing in the business and then the one you can chop.

Don't eat your seed.

Separate the seed from the bread!

Please note, this seed can come in form of ***resources such as time, money, hope, love, comfort, opportunities.***

Most times we don't like to hear about giving money². But today is not the day for that one.²

Also note, _as Christians we don't bless people because of the singular purpose of being blessed by them, we bless people because we are blessings._

THAT IS OUR NATURE.

Don't bless people or give offering because God will multiply it to you. God is not a money doubler or MMM.

Be a blessing because you are a blessing and you carry the blessing that maketh rich and adds no sorrow!!

Please say with me

I am Aremo Oluwatobi.

I carry the blessing that makes rich and adds no sorrow!

On to the next key factor.

PROCESS

*_And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. *The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.* But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."_*

Mark 4:26-29

MOST TIMES WE FOCUS ON WHAT WE ARE ASKING GOD THAT WE ARE NOT EVEN CONSCIOUS OF WHAT HE IS GIVING US.

Please read that again.

Because you planted a seed today doesn't mean tomorrow is harvest day.

There is a process.

Death, the blade, the ear, the full grain.

There is a process to the harvest.

Process is actually a huge part of our growth as people, ***we are focused so much on the end point we forget the process.***

Please note, ***understanding the process is what determines your capacity to replicate that same success.***

Please read that again.

YOU CAN'T REPLICATE A RESULT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT HAPPENED.

Don't just trust the process, acknowledge and know the process.

If you are someone who journals, write the process down.

The reason we can lead people to Christ is because ***we know the process.***

Givers part: Give them the Gospel.

Holy Ghost: Minister through the giver and to the receiver's heart.

Receiver's part: Accept.

Believe in the heart.

Confess with the mouth.

Rejoice

What is key? knowing the process.

So, that you will get an harvest from a seed planted isn't a question, it is a guarantee, all thing equal.

But we must understand timing and process.

Also note, ***this doesn't apply to just positives.***

If you sow laziness into your life, you know the harvest?

A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come on you like a thief and scarcity like an armed man

Proverbs 6:10

Let's keep pouring light and salt to the world in whatever 'little' capacity you can, as constantly and continuously as possible!

Let's keep planting our seeds as much as we can, it will blossom and we will get an harvest!

Hallelujah!!

I'll end here tonight.

``Please , if you were not online during this study, please read through._``

Jesus, thank you for giving us the multiplicative capacity.

Teach is to understand the seasons of our lives.

Teach us to know what to plant in those seasons.

Teach us to identify our harvest even when they don't come in the color or shape we expected!

We trust you and we are assured that all things are working together for our good.