

# SERMON

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SURFACE

## **Growth Beneath The Surface**

### **Scripture: Mark 4:26-29**

"The Kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head."

### **Introduction**

Good evening, beloved. Today, as we gather, let us pause to listen to a word that speaks to the unseen movements of God, to the growth happening quietly, in the dark, beneath the surface. The Lord is calling us to look beyond what is evident, beyond what seems successful or flourishing in the open. There is a hum in the soil, a stirring of life taking root in places we may have overlooked. Tonight, we are invited to recognize the profound work of God in the hidden, neglected places—in hearts, in lives, and in situations where faith seems most unlikely.

### **1. The Power of Small Beginnings**

The Spirit says to us: *Do not overlook the power of small beginnings*. We often search for visible signs of progress, yet God reminds us that His work often begins where we cannot see it. Think of seeds, small and seemingly insignificant, scattered and hidden away. They fall into the soil, disappear, and for a season, there is no sign of life. Yet God is working in that stillness, in that dark soil, doing what no human hand or eye can perceive. It is a reminder that in God's Kingdom, nothing is wasted; even the smallest seeds have purpose and destiny.

Let us consider those who feel small, unnoticed, or even disqualified by the world. God is saying, *I am at work in them*. Like seeds hidden in soil, He is cultivating faith in hearts that might appear fallow or barren to us. The overlooked, the marginalized, the weary—they are all part of His divine plan. He is doing something new, and it is rising quietly, like a tender shoot breaking through hard soil.

### **2. Growth in Unlikely Places**

The Lord reveals that His Spirit is moving silently among those at the edges, those far from what feels familiar to us. In these hidden places, where others might dismiss or even reject, God is planting something mighty. This new growth is not about loud proclamations or grand displays. It is about the quiet hunger, the deep longing in

people who may not even know they are searching for God. They are looking for something beyond the world's empty promises, something real, something eternal.

We, the Church, are being called to recognize that there is sacred potential in unlikely places. In the desert places of people's lives, God is causing streams of living water to spring forth. In places where faith seems impossible, God is planting seeds of revival. This growth may not look like what we expect, but it is powerful, and it is essential to the Kingdom.

### **3. The Coming Harvest: Prepare to Receive**

*“Prepare to receive those who have felt the quiet call, for they are coming with hearts open and thirsting for truth.”*

This prophetic word encourages us to prepare for the influx of those who have been touched by God's hidden work. They may not fit our traditions or our expectations, but they are coming with a fire ignited in the quiet places. They bring with them a fresh passion and strength that we need in the body of Christ.

So, Church, are we ready to receive them? Are we willing to nurture these tender shoots with humility, to make room for what God is growing outside our own walls? For we are reminded that this growth beneath the surface is not for our glory but for His. We are called to care for these new believers, to disciple them patiently, and to encourage them as they grow. They bring new life, new perspectives, and new strength.

### **Conclusion**

Tonight, let us humble ourselves and pray for eyes to see the growth that God is cultivating beneath the surface. Let us not be quick to dismiss what is small, hidden, or unfamiliar. Instead, let us be eager to welcome the work that God is doing in unexpected places. May we open our hearts to receive those He is drawing near, to nurture their faith with love, and to celebrate the quiet, powerful movement of God that is preparing a new harvest.

God is calling us to trust in His mysterious ways. Though we may not see the fullness now, let us have faith that the seeds He has planted will, in time, bring forth a harvest that will glorify His name and expand His Kingdom. As streams rise in the desert, so too will faith arise in places we thought were barren.

Church, let us prepare our hearts, for growth is happening beneath the surface.