



BREAK GROUND | PLANT SEEDS | NURTURE | PATIENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- ARC Conference June 5-6 Calgary (\$100 before May 31)
- Leaders Lab June 14 (Thu), 7:00PM, Knox Church
- Mosaic Luau June 23 (Sat), 7:00PM, Bud Miller Park Picnic 1

PRAY TOGETHER

- For God to reveal the unproductive areas of your life.
- The wisdom and drive to tend the seeds you have planted.
- The courage to uproot weeds that are choking seeds sown.

FOCUS: Faith and work are two key elements in tending the seeds you planted.

ICE BREAKER: What has been the most important lesson God has taught you through this LifeSpring series?

READ: Genesis 2:15, Hosea 10:12

REVIEW OF THE SERMON

1. TENDING THE RELATIONSHIP GARDEN. Every relationship can be life-giving if we commit to nourish it with faith, love, generosity, honor and service. Like any healthy garden growing out of dirt, relationships can be messy, but it shouldn't keep us from tending them. Each mess or trial in relationships can be positively seen as dirt out of which a harvest may come.

2. TENDING THE FINANCIAL FIELD. Money is a tool. We should master it, otherwise it could master us. Matthew 25:29 tells us that God has given each us blessings that we should use for His glory and for the good of many, not hoard for ourselves. The Bible clearly teaches us to invest, spend, give and tithe the blessings we receive from God's hands. View every amount you give, invest, tithe and spend as seeds you are sowing into your future and in God's kingdom (Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 16:9-10).

3. TENDING PERSONAL SEEDS. God has deposited in each of us potential, abilities, dreams and spiritual gifts. We can only maximize these divinely-deposited seeds by using them. Luke 16:10 tells us that if we are faithful in the little things, we can be entrusted with more. This truth applies to our personal seeds too. If we discover and faithfully use what God has deposited in each of us in God's house, there are greater opportunities that await us that will bring glory to God and become a blessing to more people.

4. TENDING FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES. Pastor Ta mentioned that faith is a seed we sow in our circumstances. The best way to truly tend the seed of faith is by praying and taking action based on God's Word. It is learning to trust God and act on His promises even when the circumstance seem daunting or impossible. Remember, do not take action on anything that goes against the Word of God. Taking the analogy of gold being purified, 1 Peter 1:6-7 tells us that faithfulness during trying times make us better individuals and followers of Jesus.

5. TENDING WITNESS SEEDS. We are witnesses, and the seed we sow is the message of Jesus' love for the world. Each time you tell your story, invite or pray for someone or share God's word, you are sowing seeds of the Gospel. The goal is to help others see (witness) Jesus for themselves. Nurture every seed with prayer and speaking life continually.

DISCUSS:

1. How are your relationships? (Parental, marital, fraternal, genial, etc.) Are you nurturing relationship seeds with faith, love, generosity, honor and service?
2. How is your financial status? Are you treating your finances like seeds you can sow or like treasure to hoard?
3. Are you tending the seeds God has deposited in you? What seeds of potential do you want to nurture and use in the next few months? What spiritual, cultural and attitudinal weeds that keep you from growing should you be uprooting?
4. What has been the biggest test of faith in your life so far? How has your faithfulness to Jesus' promises helped you? If you have not experienced a trial yet, A) how can you prepare yourself to escape it? or B) How can you prepare to face it?
5. Who are you witnessing to and bringing to Jesus this summer? How can you help them discover faith in Christ and take root in His house (the church)?

PRAY (See the items above)