

Reflection

A Reflection on the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. MK 4. 31-32

“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.” Despite its seeming simplicity, Jesus used this metaphor to convey a lesson about the transformational power of God's Word. In the story, it is demonstrated how something as small as sharing the gospel with a friend or relative can develop into something incredible.

As with the birds perched on the branches of the mature mustard plant, everyone connected to the kingdom would gain from its impact in this realm. Throughout the ages, the church has grown at an astounding rate. Moreover, the Church is a global resource that provides food and shelter to anybody seeking its favor. And despite persecution and numerous attempts to eradicate it, the church has prospered. Thus, our lives are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit that resides within us when we submit to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to become ingrained in us. All our abilities will be elevated if we plant this mustard seed in our minds and allow it to grow into a massive understanding tree that reaches to heaven.

Furthermore, the Church is a global garden that has been tended by the apostles to remove all dangerous weeds, and it is guarded in by doctrine and discipline, and tended by the gospel. May the Lord satisfy our need for his Word so that we will become fruitful and resistant to disintegration.