

“Remove The Mask & Trust”

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Let's take a another look at King David. The Book of Acts reports that our Heavenly Father describes David as a man after his own heart. Let us consider the reason God gave “he will do everything I want him to do.”^[a]

So David was a man after God's heart because he had an obedient heart. Now I understand that David did some things that were certainly not according to God's ways, BUT keep in mind that he repented. Let's look over some of the things that David said in the Psalms.

¹⁴But I trust in you, LORD; I say, “You are my God.”
¹⁵My times are in your hands. . .”^[b]

¹⁰Many are the woes of the wiced, but the LORD's un-failing love surrounds the one who trust in him. ¹¹Re-joyice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!^[c]

3 Trust in the LORD and do

good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. 4 Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. 5 Commit your

Notes: way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: 6 He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. ^[d] (emphasis added)

[a] Acts 13:22
[d] Ps. 31:14-15a
[e] Ps. 32:10-11
[d] Ps. 37:3-6

You may be thinking, “You just said David was a man after God's heart because he was obedient, why are you talking about trust? Well, what is something that God commands his people to do numerous times? Trust him. Think of it, one of the main things he chided the Israelites for was for not trusting him. ^[e] David obediently trusted his Heavenly Father above all else. Let us follow his example in this, remove any mask of fear, doubt, or pride and trust our Heavenly Father.

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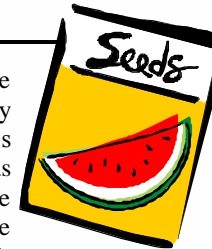
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“Seeds Being Planted” (Teaching Sketch)

Galatians 3:15-17 (NIV)



When I was following the leading of the Holy Spirit by developing a Sojourner's Fellowships brochure, I was preparing to write a doctrine statement when suddenly the Holy Spirit said, “No, don't produce a doctrine. The doctrines of men divide The Body. I will tell you what to say about what those in Sojourner's Fellowships are to do.”

Marching Orders

It was then I realized doctrine is not necessarily a marching order! Then I was taken to Jeremiah 23 to the section of “woe to the shepherds.” I must tell you I was a little taken back when I was first reading where I had been sent. I was wondering what I had done wrong to receive such a strong rebuke!

Then the Holy Spirit said, “Tell the people they are to do what these shepherds had failed to do! The Sojourners with you are to be doers and not just hearers! My people are to be people of action, my action through them. Believer

Notes:
[a]

and unbeliever alike are to see my glory flow through them in power!”

Not Just Another Place

It was then I realized Sojourner's Fellowships were not to be just another place to hear a message and go on about your life.

Seeds

Have you ever spent much time thinking about seeds? Seed or seeds is referred to around 399 times in the King James Version of the Holy Bible. Seed must be an important thing!

We plant seed for many reasons in the natural. Some seed is used for ground, cover such as grass, other seed is used for the sheer beauty of the flower it produces. Still other seed may be planted to grow great trees from which we can build houses or make paper.

The seed which means the most to the vegetable gar-

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-32 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

³¹He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³²Though 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.”

Galatians 3:15-16

¹⁵ Brothers and sisters, let me take an example from everyday life. Just as no one can set aside or add to a human covenant that has been duly established, so it is in this case. ¹⁶ The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed.

Notes:

[a] probably from a primary verb eiro (to join); peace (literal or figurative); by implication prosperity :- one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again. — Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary

Scripture does not say “and to seeds,” meaning many people, but “and to your seed,” meaning one person, who is Christ.

¹¹It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Eph. 4:11-12 NIV)

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during “Praise & Worship” (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

“Seeds Being Planted” (Teaching Sketch)

Matthew 13:31-32 (NIV)



SOJOURNERS...
are seeds both being planted and planting wherever they go.



dener is the seed which produces food. This food may take the form of fruit, grain, or greens.

This we know, all seed has a purpose. A seed means life and develops into more living things.

Throughout scripture God speaks of seed time and harvest. He formed mankind from the dust of the earth and that is where, directly or indirectly, through animals the nutrition comes to sustain life in mankind.

Planted Seed

Jesus was a seed planted for the salvation of all mankind. Yes, God planted His own seed which, when raised from the grave, was changed to having a glorified body which was not as it was before it was planted. (This is referring to the body only.)

A seed does not look like what it will become just as when the seed of the Gospel is planted and received in the individual that person becomes different and new—a

new creature, with the spiritual DNA of Christ.

Mustard Seed

Jesus in our scripture spoke of the mustard seed as very small but that it could become such a great plant in the garden that it “becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

As a Believer you may feel very small and insignificant, at first, concerning the

Notes: doing of anything of great consequence in God's Kingdom but like the mustard seed as your mind is renewed with the things of God you can become such a ‘great’ servant or seed that many disciples can rest and learn in your “branches.”

Bearing Good Seed

Bearing good seed and good harvest allows you to plant what has been planted in you! It is then you are planted and planting wherever you go. Doing so will bring growth and expansion to God's Kingdom by the good seed coming from the Holy Spirit fertilizing you and each seed you have produced!