

“From a Little Comes a Lot”

Based on Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)
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Mark 4:31 - (Jesus says) It (The Kingdom of God) is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.

† **Jesus is saying that I am never to be discouraged or intimidated by small beginnings.**

Mark 4:32a - Yet when planted ...

† **“To plant” means to put to use.**

† **Jesus calls me to “plant” (to put to use in others) the seeds of love and faith.**

† **The mustard plant is an annual plant.**

† **The maintenance of each person I plant “seeds” in depends on me doing it again and again.**

Mark 4:32b - ... it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.”

† **To say “I love you”, to have a prayer with someone, or just my presence may seem as small as a mustard seed but it is very important and necessary.**

† **Visible signs of caring and connectedness are far more significant than any material support could ever be.**

Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† When have I felt insignificant?

† Who has planted “seeds of love and faith” in me?

† Who is someone God is calling me to plant “seeds of love and faith” into their life?

Ways of “planting seeds of love and faith”:

† Who do I need to tell “I Love You” to today or this week?

† Who do I need to pray for, or pray with, this week?

† Who needs my presence in some way today, this week?

† What’s stopping me from planting these “small seeds”?