God And Possibilities in a Mustard Seed

Mark 4:30-32

How can we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed. . . the smallest of all seeds. . .and becomes the greatest of all. . .

I remember as a young girl, and a new church goer, wearing a mustard seed bracelet. Even at an early age I would pour through the Bible to help me understand things. I thought the more I knew the better I could serve this God I had come to know.

I wondered how in the world could something so small and insignificant grow into anything of importance. And how could a girl so small and insignificant do anything of importance to help build God's kingdom. (I still ask myself that a lot.)

A lifetime of learning has taught me many lessons about the possibilities of God and His calling. I have learned that God does not call us because we are qualified, but He qualifies the small and insignificant because they answer the call.

I am often reinforcing the thought that each of us have a call and not just the clergy. God calls good parents, teachers, medical professionals, and a hundred diverse types to make our world and His kingdom better. None are too small or insignificant.

This is one of my favorite parables because it reminds me that God's love is like that mustard seed. If we allow it, it will be all we need to see us through our uncertain times.

When we feel as if we just want to quit, He comes in a quiet and loving way to heal our brokenness. When the mountain seems too high and too rocky, or the night is too dark, there He is, giving us strength and a light to make it through.

He makes all things possible. Even what looks insurmountable, or when we seem so insignificant, His love comes anew and makes going on possible.

Prayer: We thank you dear God that even though our faith may seem like that tiny mustard seed, you take that and make all things possible. During this season of new beginnings ,help us to see that Your love will always be enough to get us through. Amen

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