

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

# See the Seed of Faith

*Ecclesiastes 11:6; Hosea 10:12; Matthew 13:31-32; 2 Corinthians 9:6*

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E♭ B♭<sup>7sus</sup> E♭ B♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> D E♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> D E♭ F<sup>m</sup> A♭ C<sup>m</sup> A B♭

1. See the seed of faith once plant - ed, Sown with tears and sac - ri - fice,  
2. We are part of all He's grow - ing, Root - ed in long a - ges past,

E♭ B♭<sup>7sus</sup> E♭ B♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> D E♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> E♭ A♭ E♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> D E♭

Now a gar - den all a - round us, Rich with col - or,  
Spread - ing out to fill the fu - ture, Bless - ing far be -

F<sup>m</sup> A♭ C<sup>m</sup> A B♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> F<sup>m</sup> B♭ E♭ B♭ B♭ B♭ A♭

rich with life. See more blos - soms dai - ly o - pen,  
yond our grasp. Dai - ly plant the seeds of kind - ness.

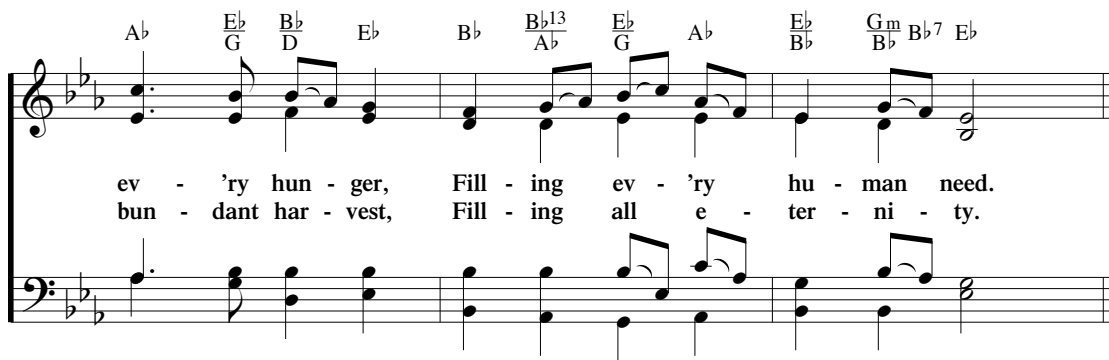
G<sup>m</sup> F<sup>m</sup> A♭ B♭<sup>7</sup> C<sup>m</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B♭ E♭ G A♭ E♭

Spread - ing still the pre - cious seed, Bear - ing fruit for  
Sow His mer - cy, reap His peace. Share in love's a -

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ev - 'ry hun - ger, Fill - ing ev - 'ry hu - man need.  
 bun - dant har - vest, Fill - ing all e - ter - ni - ty.

TOPICS: Anniversaries, Birthdays & Milestones; Church; Fathers; Missions & Evangelism; Mothers; Relationships; Serving in Christ's Name

LEAD-IN: "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 your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree."  
 (Matthew 13:31-32, NIV)

LEAD-IN READING:

## Consider the Seed

Consider the seed. *[Hold up a fruit seed between two fingers]*  
 It's so small...and hard...and dry...  
 very unspectacular in appearance.  
 We bury it in the earth *[Drop seed into fist, continuing to hold it up]*  
 We water it. We tend it. We protect it. We watch it.  
 And do you know what happens?  
 Nothing. *[Lower fist out of sight]*  
 Nothing happens...for a long time.  
*[Pause a beat]*  
 But hidden in that seed is a mysterious, powerful, irrepressible life.  
 And if we wait patiently, one day a tiny, tender sprout begins to push up through the earth.  
 That sprout becomes a little stem,  
 and after much more watering and tending and protecting,  
 it produces flowers for us to see and smell.  
 It gives delicious fruit for us to eat and enjoy.  
 But do you know what else it produces?  
 More seeds!  
 Our one seed is now hundreds, even thousands of seeds.  
 And if those seeds fall to the ground and die,  
 each of them bears flowers and fruit  
 and gives more and more seeds.  
 The entire earth could become a beautiful, fruitful garden  
 from one seed.

Jesus Christ was one seed.  
 Each of us is just...one...seed. *[Hold up seed again.]*

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LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

## God's Seeds Bear Fruit

My wife and I recently received a note from a couple we knew years ago. When we met them, they were brand new Christians who had come to the church we attended. To get to know them better, we invited them to our home on a Sunday evening after church.

When their note arrived, we hadn't seen or heard from them in decades. Their note told us how much that evening long ago had meant to them. It had helped to welcome them into the church and establish them in their faith. Now they were still serving the Lord, and their children, young adults, were off to Christian colleges.

We hadn't thought of that evening in many years. Our lives had gone on to so many "bigger" things. But our hour or so together had been a seed that God had watered and nurtured. He was still harvesting fruit from that tiny seed, long after we had forgotten planting it.

When the Day of the Lord comes and we all gather around to celebrate His rich harvest, how much fruit will have grown from the few seeds we scattered during our brief time here on earth? The sower parable is so true (Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23). Though most of the seeds we sow never bear fruit, the few that fall on good soil will produce so abundantly that we are guaranteed a rich harvest.

That's why it is vital that we faithfully sow the seed God places in our hands:

*Sow your seed in the morning,  
and at evening let not your hands be idle,  
for you do not know which will succeed.*  
(Ecclesiastes 11:6, NIV)

Don't be discouraged. Just keep sowing. The seed is good, and God will make it grow.