

Planting A Seed **Pastor Katy Reeves**

John 12:24 : Truly, truly, I say to you that unless a grain of wheat falls and dies in the ground, it will be left alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

- Barrenness can never be broken unless a seed is planted and comes forth.
- The seed is inevitable to break any level of barrenness.
- A woman can pray all she wants to and decree powerful prophetic declarations, but unless she is impregnated by a seed, she will forever remain without an issue.
- A land can be plowed through, cultivated, and watered from heaven above, but unless a seed is sown in the ground, that land will never produce a harvest.
- The chief ingredient that instigates fruitfulness is the seed.
- A seed ushers in a new season in your life. Everything in life starts with a seed. A seed is a forceful agent of change.

Genesis 1:11-12 & Genesis 8:22

- This is an eternal principle that came from the mouth of the Lord.
- It is a law in the Kingdom of Heaven

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW (1 Kings 17:8-16).

- This is a fascinating event that took place hundreds of years ago, yet very applicable to us today.
- There was a national drought for three years, and people were suffering.
- This woman was down to her last meal.
- She was on her way to get some sticks and cook her last biscuit for herself and her son. Then they would wait for a slow and painful death.
- About the time she was getting the sticks, she met the prophet Elijah who told her, “Go ahead, make the cake—but give it to me first.”
- From God’s perspective, if the widow did what Elijah said, she would be breaking her personal famine and financial barrenness by sowing a seed.
- Jesus Himself said, “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain”
- In obedience to the man of God, the widow and her son lived well in the midst of drought and lack.

Please catch this truth—when a seed leaves your hand, it does not leave your life.

- The seed that leaves your hand will come back into your hands as a multiplied harvest.
- A seed will cause you to live above lack.
- Whenever the world is going through recession, inflation, and depression, you can live in increase.
- Just like this widow, you can break personal drought and famine by planting a seed.

Even if the world is going through recession, inflation, and depression, you can live in increase.

ISAAC IN GERAR (Genesis 26:1-3,6,12-14).

- Once again we see a national famine in the nation.
- The land is not producing; it is barren.
- Isaac, as any normal person would do, decides to pack up and leave looking for greener pastures.
- He makes plans to go to Egypt, but the Lord interrupts his intention and tells him to stay where he is and **plant**.
- Everything within Isaac is screaming, I need to get out of here!
- But God knows how to break barrenness and tells him to stay put and plant seeds in the ground.

Look at these words, “Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great.”

- The same can be our portion!
- Isaac broke barrenness on two levels, biological and financial.
- He broke biological barrenness in the life of his wife Rebekah by prayer, and he broke financial barrenness by planting seeds.

HANNAH AND SAMUEL (1 Samuel)

- This mighty woman of God prayed to the Lord—and she did something else that prompted barrenness to leave her life.
- She made a vow unto the Lord.
- She promised Him that she would give Him her son, her desire.
- She promised God a seed, and God gave her a seed.

ELISHA AND THE SHUNAMMITE WOMAN (2 Kings 4:8-17).

- Here is a wealthy woman, so wealthy that she always blessed and fed the man of God whenever he was around.
- She took her giving to another level by building a prophet's chamber for Elisha.
- In doing so, the man of God asked Gehazi his servant what could be done for this lady in response to her giving.
- His reply was straightforward, "She hath no child!"
- Elisha called her and told her, "This time next year, you will have a child."
- Her reply was very revealing, "Do not joke with me, man of God."
- This was very sensitive subject for her.
- She had everything except a child.
- No doubt she wanted an offspring after her marriage but to no avail.
- Now her husband was old, and they had given up on the idea of a child.
- However, her seed prompted and birthed a miracle of a son.

A seed will make what is forgotten as a dead issue to come to life.

I want to tell you that whatever you have not had in your life for years will be in your arms as you sow a seed and bring your dream near.

PETER AND JESUS (Luke 5:1-9).

- Jesus needed a platform to preach from as He was on the beach.
- He asked Peter if He could use his boat, and could he also thrust the boat a little from the shore.
- Peter consented and gave his boat to Jesus.
- Now the night before Peter and his crew had worked and fished all night long and caught nothing.
- Peter told Jesus that they did everything they knew how to do as professional fishermen and still they did not produce any results.
- This is toil with no harvest.
- Maybe this is where you find yourself, or maybe you know people in that predicament.
- There are some people, who no matter how much they work, still do not see any progress in their lives.
- There are people today who work overtime, extra time, and any kind of time they find, but still cannot make ends meet and have nothing to show for their hard work.

This was Peter's predicament.

- Most people think that the purpose of work is to activate surplus in their lives, but for many that never becomes a reality.
- How did Peter break the toil with no harvest situation?

He gave his boat to Jesus.

- He planted in the Kingdom of God, and what was the end result?

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken (Luke 5:6-9).

- Peter's seed brought a great multitude of fish.
- The same fish that stayed away by the thousands the night before now headed toward his nets.
- Overflowing nets.
- His nets began to break.
- The nets that were empty all night long were now about to break due to the harvest.
- Full, filled ships. The ships were filled and began to sink.
- No more empty ships with depressed and deflated fishermen.

The same will be your portion.

- A little seed and a little giving provoked a net-breaking, ship-sinking blessing.
- Learn to plant seeds to break barrenness out of your life.

A seed is what you currently have in your hands to create something that you want in your future. Your seed will create your desired future.

Second Corinthians 9:8-10

- God is the One who gives the Seed.
- God multiplies the Seed that is sown and gives the increase.
- Therefore, increase and multiplication can only occur and bring a change when the Seed is planted.
- Without sowing of seeds there can be no increase.
- If there is no increase, then decrease stays in motion.

When God promised to redeem humankind from the grip of sin and satan, He called the Redeemer the seed (see Gen. 3:15).

- We know Him today as Jesus.
- The Word is also the seed; more specifically, it is called the Incorruptible Seed.

First Peter 1:23 says, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

- The Word is the ultimate and incorruptible Seed that will destroy the spirit of barrenness.
- The seed of God’s Word is what got you born again.
- There was a time when there was not one born-again person on the earth
- There was no Son of God in the earth after Adam sinned.
- God wanted a family who was called by His name.
- So what did He do? He used the Law of Seed time and harvest.

John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the world, that *He gave* his only begotten Son,(the Word made flesh) that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Hebrews 2:10 is the result of John 3:16:

- God the Father planted His one and only begotten Son, and the end result was,
- For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, **in bringing many sons unto glory**, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Mark 4:14-20

- The sower sows the Word of God
- The Seed that we sow is the Word of God.
- God gave us the Seed to be sown in our lives and if we will be diligent and sow it, it will produce a harvest for us.

Your seed comes in the shape of the Word of God planted in your spirit.

Once the Word is planted in your spirit, then faith comes to germinate that Seed.

- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God-

You begin to speak the Word out of your mouth

- Out of the heart the mouth speaks-
- Prayer

- Decrees and declarations

The Seed is now in the Earth

- Propelled into the atmosphere by the act of using your voice and speaking the Word of God

Now is the time to begin watering that Seed so it will grow and produce your harvest.

- Thanksgiving and praise-
- Putting action to your faith-filled words-
- This is the way you stay connected until the ‘download’ is complete-- until your harvest is seen in the Earthly dimension.

- Picture your Bible as a huge bag of seeds.
- Dive into that bag and begin to gather the seeds you want to sow that will produce the harvest you want.
- Plain speaking: find the Scripture that pertains to your situation
- Believe that it is for YOU
- Begin to speak it out of your mouth in faith--calling those things that be not as though they already existed here and now
- Make declarations and decrees over your situation
- Constantly thank God
- Constantly praise the Lord
- And give something away--money, time, talents, whatever the Lord prompts you to do--DO IT!
- And DON'T GIVE UP! STAY CONNECTED!

You WILL reap if you faint not...