



I. REVIEW/INTRO

- A. There is more than meets the eye
- B. What do we do when life is bigger than we are?

John 20:29 (NLT) ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

- C. There is a blessing beyond

John 15:7a (TPT) But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you— then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done.

- Does your faith have a purpose that is bigger than you or beyond you?

John 15:8 (TPT) When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father!

- D. Three attitudes at Joy
 - We’re glad you’re here
 - We play the long game
 - Eventually showing up should result in growing up

II. THE BLESSING “BEYOND”

- A. There is a blessing beyond what you can currently see

Romans 4:17-22 (NLT) ¹⁷ That is what the Scriptures mean when God told him, “I have made you the father of many nations.” This happened because Abraham believed in the God who brings the dead back to life and who creates new things out of nothing. ¹⁸ Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!” ¹⁹ And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though, at about 100 years of age, he figured his body was as good as dead—and so was Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. ²¹ He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.

- B. Faith is not denial faith is a decision
 - Faith is a decision to believe what God said in spite of ...
 - Faith isn’t a magic wand or pill to fix something that you’re unwilling to eat daily bread for

III. THE GOD KIND OF FAITH

- A. This is the God kind of faith



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B. So shall your seed be

Mark 4:26 (NLT) Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground.

- Seeds seem small, and insignificant
- Anyone can count the seeds in apple, only God can count the apples in a seed

C. The seed must be planted

D. Faith enables you to see what the seed is going to be

Zephaniah 3:9a “In the end I will turn things around...

- It may look like the end but it might just be the beginning
- Sometimes “the end” is the fertile soil that produces your future