



I. INTRO

A. Don't go nose-blind

- Olfactory adaptation.

B. You can get used to almost anything

- You can be surrounded by something for so long that eventually you stop noticing what's right in front of you.
- Is it possible to do this with the blessing of God?

Psalm 126:1-3 (NKJV) When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, We were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." ³ The Lord has done great things for us, *And* we are glad.

- There are moments when you need to stop looking at what's still missing long enough to recognize what God has already done.

Psalm 126:5-6 (NKJV) ⁵ Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. ⁶ He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come gain with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

C. The cost of sowing

- Tears not sadness, captures the cost, uncertainty and faith of sowing during a difficult season.

1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

D. What God is doing isn't always immediately visible

- Faith prepares for what God has promised, before sight can prove it's coming.

Acts 8:5, 8 (NKJV) ⁵ Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them. ⁸ And there was great joy in that city.

- Every receipt today, was a seed yesterday

Matthew 13:31-32 (NKJV) Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³² which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."



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II. DON'T JUDGE WHAT'S COMING BY THE SIZE OF WHAT YOU'RE HOLDING

A. Seeds don't look like a harvest

- The smallest seed can produce the biggest miracle

B. What seed has God given you?

- What can you do? What do you know? What have you experienced?

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV) As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

C. Scattering seed

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV) Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

C. Faith sees differently

- Faith prepares for what God has promised, before sight can prove anything is happening