

PARABLES OF CHRIST - #3
POWER OF GOD IN THE KINGDOM
OF GOD

Mark 4:26 - 32

OVERVIEW OF PARABLE #1

MARK 4:26-29

Kingdom of God is like this (Grows by a process):

1. Seed is sown.
2. Overnight a sprout appears, the first blade;
3. Then, the **soil produces crops by itself**: the head, and then the grain.
4. Then, time for harvest.

OVERVIEW OF PARABLES #2 AND #3

- **Parable #2: Mark 4:30-32.** Tiny mustard seed becomes tree so large that even the “birds of the air” nest in its branches.
- **Parable #3: Matt 13:33.** Yeast is mixed, hidden, in large amount of dough and entire lump is leavened.

THE “COMMON” INGREDIENT THAT GROWS THE KOG?

- The three surprises:
 - #1 surprised in the morning.
 - #2 surprised that a tiny seed made a giant plant.
 - #3 surprised that a little yeast leavened all the dough.
- **SURPRISED BY THE POWER OF GOD – transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary.**
 - 1 Corinthians 4:20, Romans 14:17

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE POWER OF GOD IN INDIA.

1. satan is **more present** than I ever imagined, even in the lives of the unaware in the church. Matt 13:4,19; 24-25; 32.
2. How **completely defeated** satan is by the authority, name, and blood of Christ; yet, I **must vocalize this fact** for it to have its power upon him.
3. Once seeing satan's defeat with my eyes, I was more able to bring glory to God by vocalizing prayers for healing and deliverance.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE POWER OF GOD IN INDIA.

4. **satan's lifeline** is what **we will not give up to God**, including our sin, our diseases, or our refusal to make Jesus Lord. **God allows us to keep what we will not give up**, even if satan will destroy us with it.
5. **Without the opportunity** to call upon the supernatural power of God, we will likely not experience it or truly believe it.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT THE POWER OF GOD IN INDIA.

6. Even if the miraculous does not occur, praying for it teaches us about KOG, builds our faith muscles, and blesses others.
7. Our Western thinking is probably the biggest barrier to our experiencing the power of God; to not experience God's power is to hinder the growth of His kingdom.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. Begin (or continue) 30 x 30 plan:
 - Pray in this way:
 1. In the name of Jesus
 2. In the authority of Jesus
 3. In the power of the blood of Jesus
2. Make 3 prayer contacts this week, praying specifically for a miracle in each one.
3. Sow “seeds” for the Kingdom of Christ.
 1. Get on the “God-train”