



#1 Seed of Faith

Big idea:

You Have No Idea What God May Do Through A Single Seed Planted In Faith.

Abraham & Sarah [Genesis 12:1-2 & Genesis 15:1-5]

"Faith Not Only Changes Your Identity, Faith Changes Your Destiny."

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And ***I will make of you a great nation***, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

Genesis 12:1[NLT]

- Abraham & Sarah LOWERED Their Expectation Of What God Might Do.

Sometime later, the LORD spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." Genesis 15:1[NLT]

- We Think Addition, But God Thinks MULTIPLICATION

Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was ***thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times*** as much as had been planted! Matthew 13:8

*"Just Because You Don't See Anything Doesn't Mean
That God Isn't Doing Something."*

But Abram replied, "O Sovereign LORD, what good are all your blessings when ***I don't even have a son***? Since you've given me no children, Genesis 15:2[NLT]

- The Lord Takes Abraham OUTSIDE In Order To Take Him Outside Of His Unmet Expectations

Then ***the LORD took Abram outside*** and said to him, "Look up into the sky and count the stars if you can. That's how many descendants you will have!" Genesis 15:5[NLT]

- In Christ, You Are Abraham's SEED.

If you belong to Christ, then you are ***Abraham's seed***, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 6:29

"If God Always Met Your Expectations, He Would Never Have The Chance To Exceed Them."

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—***a plentiful harvest of new lives*** John 12:24

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

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- When you were a kid what did you want to be when you grew up? What happened to that dream?
- What do you think causes people to settle for less than God's best for their life?
- Have you ever been disappointed by unmet expectations for your life? What happened?

Read Genesis 12:1-2 & Genesis 15 & 16.

- Consider Abraham & Sarah's story. What were their expectations of the Lord? Where they realistic or unrealistic?
- How did they settle

Read Galatians 6:9.

- What are some good things that are easy to grow weary of?
- Share a story when you couldn't see it in the moment, but at the right time, God completely exceeded your expectations.
- What seed are you waiting to see the results of? What new seed is God leading you to plant in faith?

Pray:

God, You are so incredibly good and faithful. Your ability to multiply our smallest efforts is immeasurable. We can barely begin to comprehend the width and depth of Your love and plans for us. We trust You. Give us faith to plant the seeds You want us to plant. Amen!

Commit:

- Write down or list out loud a few of the big blessings in your life. Then, write next to them the initial seeds that over time multiplied into these blessings. Thank God for what He's done.
- Write down, or list out loud a few of the big, maybe unbelievable dreams you have for your future. Then, write next to them the seeds you can plant in faith. Commit your seeds of faith to God in prayer.

Source:

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