## Consider the Seed

## Jesus said:

"Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds...fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty." (Matthew 13:3-4, 8, NASB)

Consider the seed.

It's so small and

hard and

dry –

very unspectacular in appearance.

We bury it in the earth.

We water it. We tend it.

We protect it. We watch it.

And do you know what happens?

Nothing.

Nothing happens... at least not immediately.

But hidden in that seed is a mysterious, powerful, irrepressible life.

And if we wait patiently,

one day a tiny, tender sprout begins to push up through the earth.

That sprout becomes a little stem,

and after much more watering and tending and protecting,

it produces flowers for us to see and smell.

It gives delicious fruit for us to eat and enjoy.

But do you know what else it produces?

More seeds!

Our one seed is now hundreds, even thousands of seeds.

And if those seeds fall to the ground and die,

some will bear flowers and fruit and

give more and more seeds.

The entire earth could become a beautiful, fruitful garden

from one seed.

Jesus Christ was

one seed.

Each of us is

just...one...seed.

Hymn: Bless This Seed

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