

*Celebrating Extraordinary Missionary Month October 2019...*

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Jesus likens the Kingdom of God to a small mustard seed (and also to a few grams of yeast): a humble, trivial, hidden presence, as small as a mustard grain. It has no attractive appearance; as a seed it exists unnoticed, unattended. But it is charged with immense resources and possibilities, inside. Once it is planted to let it flourish as a tree, it becomes amazing; the seed becomes a tree of hope. The birds of the sky come to build nests on its branches. It becomes a solid resting place where one enjoys freedom, joy, love, oneness, self-esteem etc. If the Kingdom of God becomes 'materialized' as a mustard seed, of what 'substance' it could be constituted? Undoubtedly, with the Love of God. Only god's love generates hope for the peoples, unites people, liberates persons, fills joy in human hearts and gives meaning to life.

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to yeast, which a woman took and mixed in three measures of flour, until it was all leavened; little that does so much; small amount that makes a big difference. A person who lives the Word of God will gradually leaven (influence) the whole community/society that he/she lives in. Word of God is the power of God that transforms human lives; produces a qualitative change in human lives (e.g., Mother Theresa of Calcutta who lived the St. Mathew's Gospel, 25:31-46).

Jesus's message is lucid, but there is a hidden factor in the parables, the time factor. A small seed becomes a tree not within a fortnight but within several years. It points to a gradual natural process that demands time; it demands patience and persistence. The establishment of the Kingdom of God is not through warfare or revolution; but through resolution and actions. Resolution to fill our hearts with God's Love and the acts of charity that reflects the same. Let us be worried of being ferment or being the seeds Gods Love. Let us abandon our aspirations of "filling the squares", or "having numbers", to God. Let us not run after statistics; Let us read the gospel, live the gospel, preach the gospel and move the peoples.

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