

**“When a Truth Captures Your Imagination...” (Union with Christ)
(Study 6 of “Spiritual Processing Group: Sonship B” Series)**

Scripture Passage (Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven)

English Standard Version Translation (ESV)~ Matthew 13:31-33

³¹ He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable. “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.”

New Living Translation (NLT)~ Matthew 13:31-33

³¹ Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. ³² It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

Spiritual Exercise: Two Readings and Reflections

**“The Power of a Truth Capturing Your Imagination”
(From an interview with Rankin Wilbourne)**

“...Christ is with us and Christ is for us. You are united to the one who this very moment sits at the right hand of God. He represents you as your champion and as your advocate. That should give us unrivaled confidence. We are so secure. We are never alone...You are ‘in Christ’ [and] ‘Christ is in you’ (Col. 1:24). And He is even closer to you than you could imagine. ‘Do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?’ (2 Cor. 13:5). I am suggesting that no, many of us do not realize this about ourselves...there is a gap between the [glorious] inheritance we’ve been given and our present experience of how we see ourselves...Do we know the riches of our inheritance? Imagine you inherited a bank account with \$100 million, bequeathed to you by someone who loved you dearly. You are aware of this treasure. You have been given a deposit guaranteeing your inheritance (Eph. 1:14). But suppose you have never drawn down on this fortune and choose instead to remain in dire poverty. From one point of view you are exceedingly wealthy, but insofar as how you live, you remain a pauper. You know you are wealthy beyond imagining, but you don’t really know your wealth. Does this not describe how so many of us are living?”

**“The Power of a Truth Changing Your Life”
(From Jack Miller’s “When Crisis Hits” and “Dealing with Rejection”)**

“As I deepen in honesty with [God], his presence with me grows ever stronger. There is nothing sweeter or purer than to know Christ is with me, whether my life is long or short...I can find in his friendship the most important thing in life- the satisfying of my deepest longing to be loved unconditionally by someone who fully understands me [...] [He is] the only person who really loves you all the way, just as you are. You must believe his love for you is unconditional. He died on the cross not because you are a good person, but because of his compassion for you. He suffered...for your pride and bitter anger, and you can know that God is now your friend and hears all your prayers.”

Group Prayer

Ideas for Communal and Personal Prayer

1. Reflection Question: *What’s one thing you’re processing about how you relate to God?*
 - (Is there a related question or comment that is sticking with you?)
 - Is there a praise, a confession, a word of thanks, or a request you’d like to make about what you’re processing?

2. Is there something else going on that what can we pray about for you?