

Every promise God gives us in life comes to us pregnant with potential and blessing. What we need to understand is that God intends us to work with His promises until we reap great fruitfulness and abundance. With every promise of God in our life there is a journey of faith until we reach...

Harvest Time

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Series Introduction

- A. We are learning to bring God's Promises to HARVEST in our life.
- There are over 8,000 promises in God's word.
 - They are all "yes" in Christ (2 Cor 1:20).
 - Take them from 'faith' to 'substance' (Heb 11:1).
- B. We have to MANIFEST spiritual reality, not just believe it.
- Harvest is "Possessing" time.
 - **Every promise is a part of the reality of Christ Himself. To manifest a promise is to manifest the life of Christ in us**
 - Being spiritual is not just believing, but manifesting reality in Christ.
- C. In the Old Testament, God promised His land would always yield an abundant harvest for His people. (Christ is our land FRUITFUL of Promise – John 15:1-8).
- D. All God has done for us IN CHRIST is a covenant of Promises. (Eph 2:12-13)
- Have you ever considered Christ is a series of Promises to be "harvested"?
 - Sound strange or offensive?: see [John 6:53-57, 60-63](#)

- E. Every Promise comes to us "pregnant" with the potential of an abundant harvest of more of Christ's life in us!
- It is the only way to overcome the world: 1 John

Message Three:

Lord of the Harvest

Luke 10:2 (NIV) ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

- A. Jesus is referred to as the "Lord of the Harvest".
- The harvest is more than bringing people into the kingdom, but building them up into full manifestations for the One Christ.
 - A harvest is the full ripening of the grain, not just the planting of a seed.
- B. He will be faithful to His work (Heb 3:1-6)
- We have to consider Jesus as a FAITHFUL and DILIGENT worker. He finished His work in the flesh, but continues His work by the Spirit.
 - He is working in us to bring us into full harvest of what He did for us on the cross.
 - The Christian life is about becoming in experience what God has already made us in spirit.
- C. People are His Field (2 Cor 3:9)
- We are the Lord's "field" – that means He will work our soil, seed the ground, water, nurture and harvest Himself in us.
 - Fields are potentials for seeds.
 - Fields are a realm for sowing life and reaping fruit.
 - What kind of field are you?

D. The Lord is has come to Sow Himself into us through His Spirit and His word.

- Satan has taken this process and replaced Christ with the things of the world and we have been sown with weeds!
- Matt. 13:24-30

E. If We let the Lord of the Harvest rule in and guide us, we are guaranteed a plenteous harvest.(Psalms 67:4-6)

- **Psalms 67:4 - 6 (NIV)** *⁴May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for **you rule** the peoples justly **and guide** the nations of the earth. ⁵May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. ⁶Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.*

1. Boaz was a type of Christ being "Lord of the Harvest"

Ruth chapter 2

A. (v.4) **Blessing:** His relationship with the labourers.

- **Ruth 2:4 (NIV)** *⁴Just then Boaz arrived from Bethlehem and greeted the harvesters, "The LORD be with you!" "The LORD bless you!" they called back.*

B. (v.5-9) **Provision:** His care for His harvesters.

C. (v.10-13) **Rewards:** His attention to the harvesters.

D. (v.14-16) **Fellowship:** His affection for the harvesters.

E. (v.17-23) **Overflow:** His fruitfulness in the lives of the harvesters.

F. (v. 20) **Redemption:** His promise to His own.

2. Christ is Lord of the Work to produce a harvest of His Life in you.

Luke 5:4 (NIV) *⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*

John 10:10 (NIV) *¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

A. The Lord will bring His life up out of your inner depths.

- Luke 5:4, 6
- There is more in you than you can see: "**Christ in you the hope of glory**" (Col 1:27)
- Your spirit is like this net... put it down into the depths and see what you will find of Christ!

B. His life is in you as a seed to Grow into full measure. (1 Peter 1:23)

- Being born of His seed is just the starting place of a spiritual journey, not its finish line.
- He placed Himself in you, to grow Himself up inside you and express the fruit of His life.

C. **Phil 1:6.** He who began in you a good work, will carry it on to completion.

- *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*
- The work is inward. The focus needs to stay inward.

D. **John 15:4-8.** Our job is ABIDING; His is the fruit production. (*We do not produce the fruit, we bear it*).

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- E. The Lord is not displeased with you. He is committed to your spiritual success.
- Rom 5:9-11 – your sins are remitted
 - 2 Cor 5:17-21 (amp) – not counting up sins against
 - Isaiah 54:9-10, 11-17 – not angry, covenant of peace.
- F. The cross was His Eternal statement as to His commitment to your success.
- Rom 8:28-37

3. Christ is the Sower of the Seed of His Word

Mark 4:26 (NIV) ²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. **A man scatters seed on the ground.**

Isaiah 55:10 - 11 (NIV) ¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is **my word** that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:12 - 13 (NIV) ¹²You will go out in **joy** and be led forth in **peace**; the mountains and hills will **burst into song** before you, and all the trees of the field will **clap their hands**. ¹³Instead of the thornbush will **grow** the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will **grow**. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

- A. Christ's primary work in you is to germinate and grow His life in your spirit through the action of speaking His word to you. (*The essence of Fellowship*).
- The essence of fellowship or communion is speaking, communicating.
 - God's words are spirit and life (John 6:63).
 - His word is a living and active thing (Heb 4;12)
 - His word is the link between two worlds (is 55:10)
 - Jesus is the Word (John 1:1)
- B. His Spoken Word is Spiritual Seed (*with miracle action growth*).
- Matt 8:8 - *But just say the word, and my servant will be healed*
- C. *Isaiah 55:10-11, 12-13*. God sends His Word into us to produce a spiritual harvest in us.
- D. His word is sown in us by HEARING, grown by MEDITATING, and harvested by PERSEVERING FAITH.
- **Luke 8:15** – "But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."
 - "Hear" – by love
 - "Retain" – by hope
 - "Persevering and produce" – by faith
- E. We need to become Marys in a Martha world (Luke 10:38-42).

4. Christ is the Worker of the Soil of your heart.

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Mark 4:26 - 29 (NIV) ²⁶He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸All by itself **the soil produces** grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

- A. The Lord of the Harvest will work the "soil" of your heart.
 - The road to Emmaus – preparing the hearts
 - Luke 24:13
 - By Sea of Tiberius – Luke 21:1- comforting hearts
- B. Jesus is the labourer on the soil in our heart: *(to remove the stones, the weeds and make the soil enriched)*.
 - From Mark 4 – the issues of unfruitful harvest are: (1) Birds driven away, (2) stones to be removed, (3) weeds to be removed, (4) soil to be fertilized.
- C. How Jesus is Lord in our hearts:
 - Not dictatorship but INFLUENCE
 - Not law but GRACE
 - Not by enforcement but by NOURISHMENT
 - Not by pressure , but by FELLOWSHIP
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- D. Guard the Heart for His occupying influence.
 - **Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)** ²³Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.
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5. Christ is the Sender of the Harvesters into the Work.

Luke 10:2 (NIV) ²He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

- A. There can be no Harvest without MANY WORKERS.
- B. Somewhere someone has grace you need to help you with your harvest!
- C. God will SEND laborers to you; you need to receive them "in the Name of the Lord".
- D. Stay in Boaz's Harvest field with the other workers (Ruth 2:21-23).
- E. Pray for your "sending" and for the "sending" of other workers.
 - **Romans 10:14 - 15 (NIV)** ¹⁴How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"^E

Application of Today's Message

- ✓ Are you relating to Christ as your spiritual "Boaz" – the Lord of the harvest? *Only by His supply and direction can He bring you into your harvest.*
- ✓ He is committed to the work of making your spirit fruitful with His life. *Visit with Him there!*
- ✓ He has the seed (His word) you need to receive and plant for your harvest. *Hear the word in His presence!*
- ✓ He will help prepare your heart as good soil the more you fellowship with Him. *Surrender to His initiatives with you.*
- ✓ He is co-ordinating the workers of the harvest... *stay in coordination of the body.*