

Starting out Small

What are some 'big' things that start out 'small'?

A danger about these things:

- We ignore them
- We don't even see them

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Starting our Small

Jesus said, “**The kingdom of God**...is like a mustard seed, which is **the smallest** of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, **it grows** and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.””

Mark 4:30-32

Prayer: Help us see your Kingdom
Help us live in your Kingdom

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The Ancient Promise of God

“You who bring **good news** to Zion,
 go up on a high mountain.
 You who bring **good news** to Jerusalem,
 lift up your voice with a shout,
 lift it up, do not be afraid;
 say to the towns of Judah,
 “**Here is your God!**””

Isaiah 40:9

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“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,
‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to
the people of Israel and Judah.’”

Jeremiah 33:14

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What it looked like to join Jesus...

- Lives changed
 - Jesus calls for 4 friends to follow Him
 - Evil spirit expelled
 - Bodies healed
- Jesus rises early to pray
- People are forgiven
- Jesus feasts with 'sinners' at a new follower's home (a tax collector)
- Jesus is criticized then attacked by people who began making plans to kill Him

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The Big Idea

glorious and powerful

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through His people

today

and everyone is invited to enter
and join the work until it fully comes

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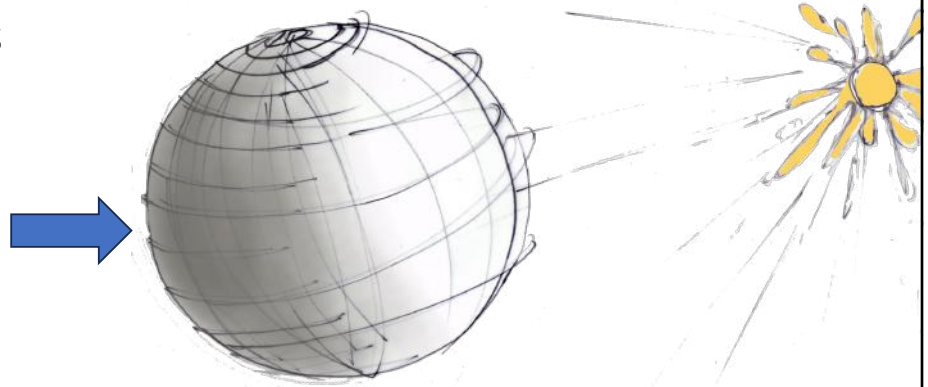
“And afterward,
 I will pour out **my Spirit on all people.**
 Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophesy,
 your **old men** will dream dreams,
 your **young men** will see visions.
 Even on my **servants**, both **men** and **women**,
 I will pour out my Spirit in those days....
 And **everyone** who calls
 on the name of the Lord **will be saved.”**
 Joel 2:28-29, 32

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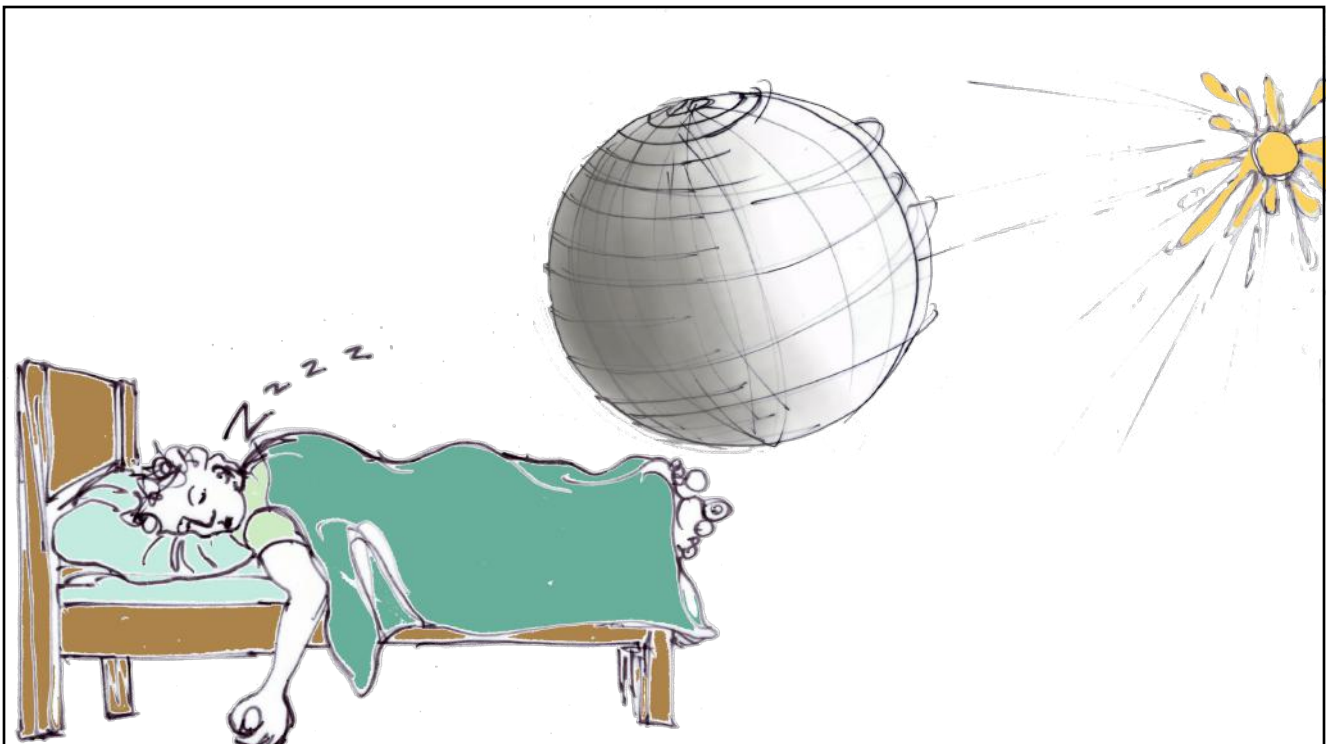
The prophets longed to see what we've seen
 Even angels longed to see what we've seen
 and heard!
 (1 Peter 1:10-12)
 And we are living in it every day!

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Things we might do
when the sun is
hidden...



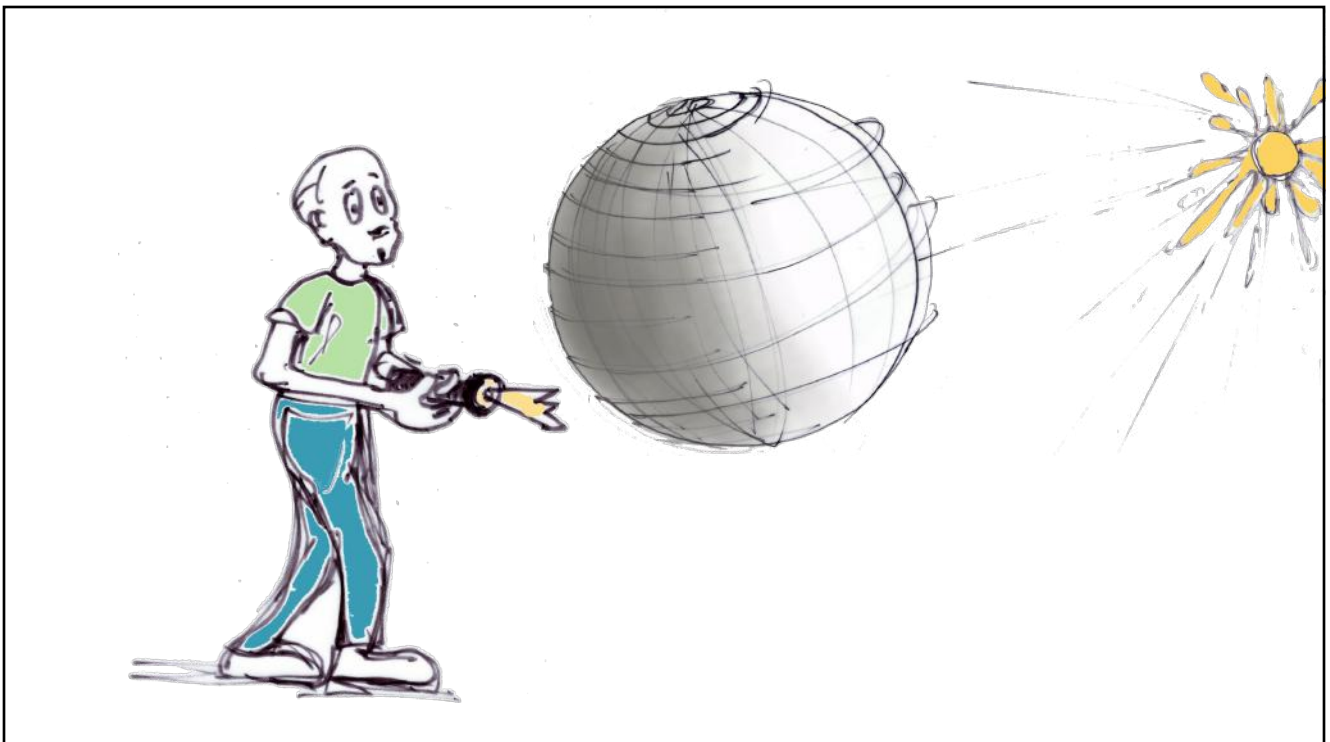
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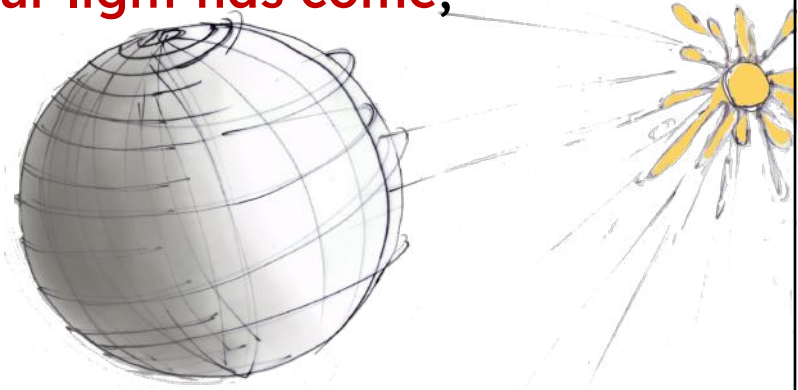


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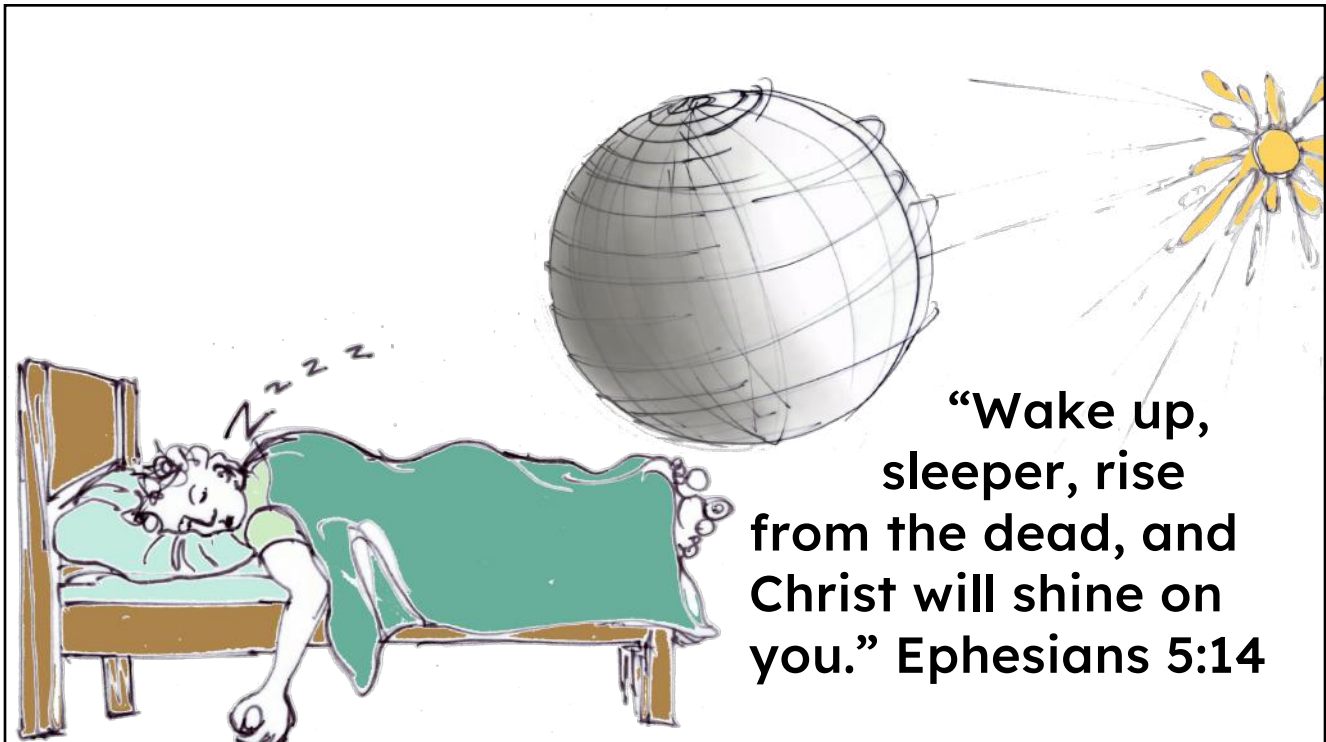


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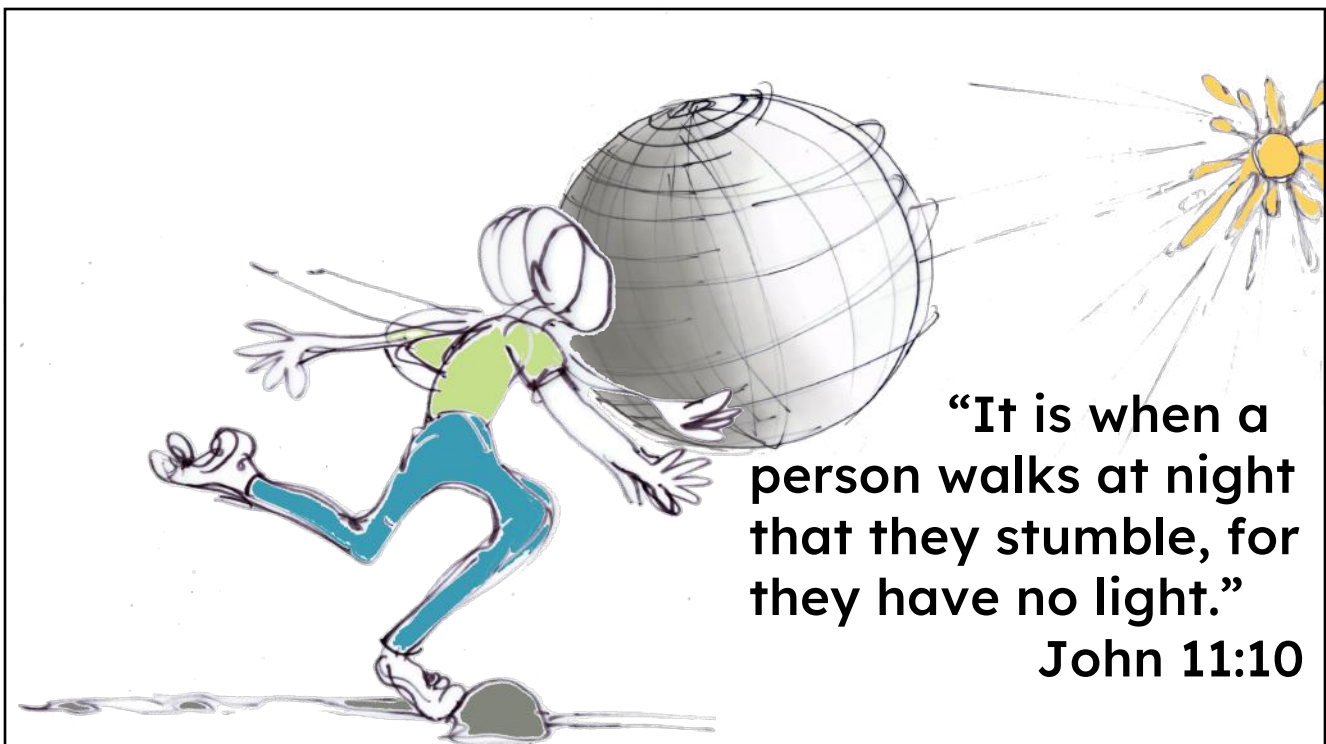
**“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory
of the Lord
rises upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1**



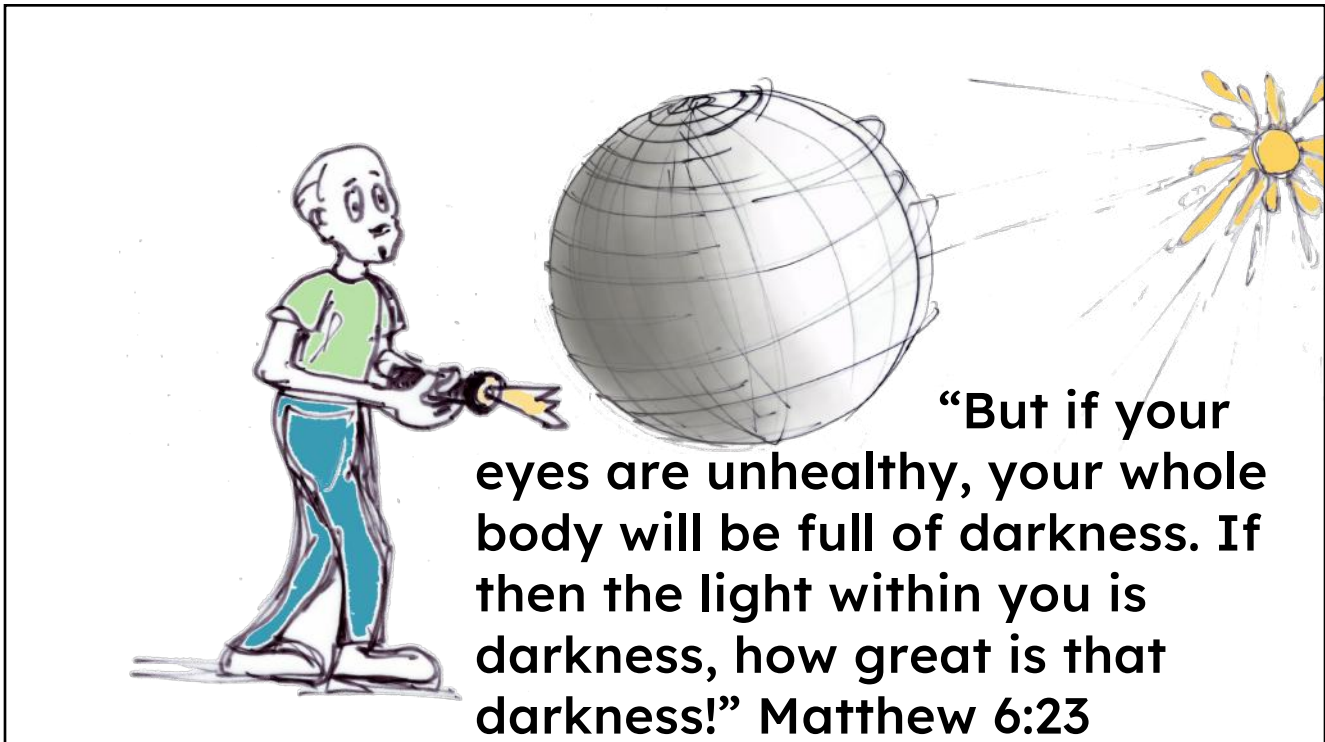
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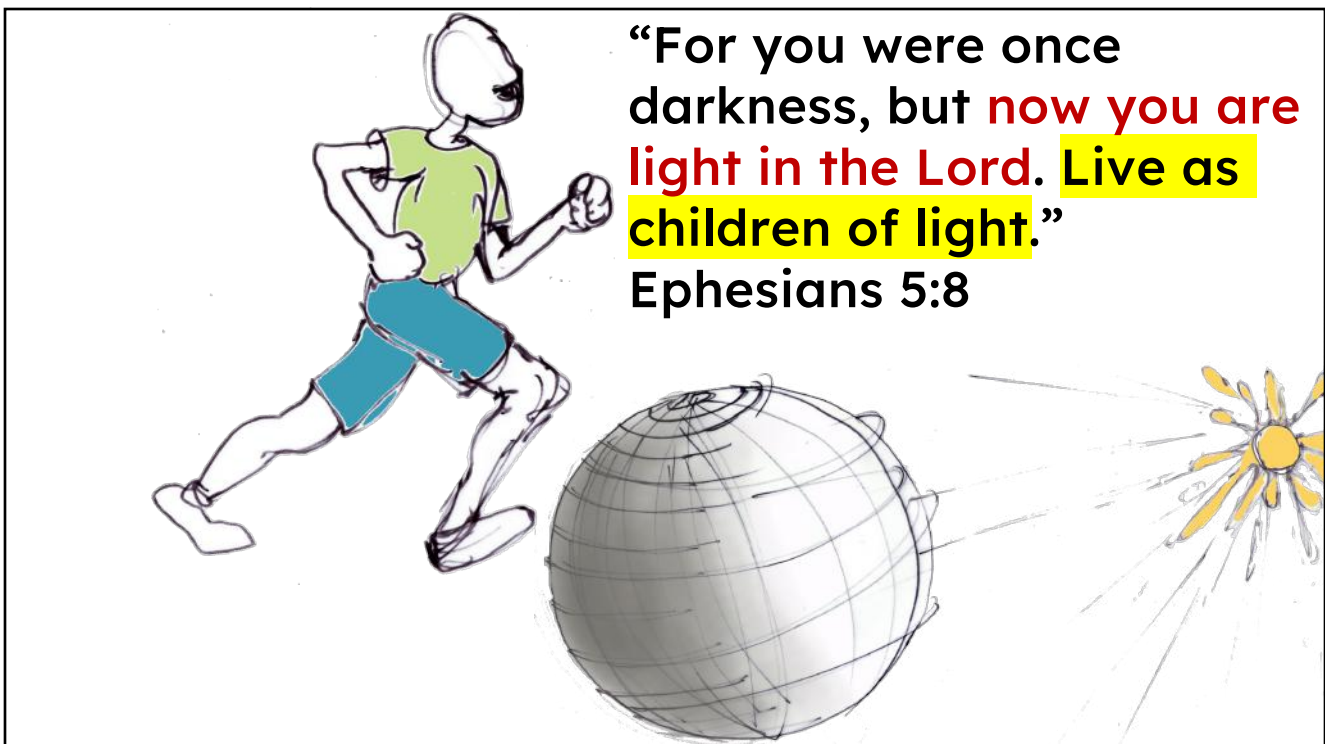
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Application

- Repent
 - Run to the light and walk in the light
 - Stop...
 - walking in darkness
 - living as though the world and all it offers is the best that there is
 - living as though the world sets the agenda
 - **Remaining neutral is to miss His Kingdom**
 - Ask, Seek, Knock



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Application

- Believe
 - With boldness and confidence
 - Seek what is in the light
 - Then he said to his disciples,
“The harvest is plentiful
but the workers are few.”
Matthew 9:37
 - “But seek first His Kingdom, and His
righteousness...” Matthew 6:33
- **It is impossible to understand the present
without focusing on the Kingdom of God**



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“Jesus said to them, “My Father **is always at his work to this very day**, and I too am working.”” John 5:17

God is working all around us!

- Maybe like seeds or yeast
- “God is always at work **drawing people to Himself.**” (Sent)
- He is using every circumstance **to make us more like Jesus**
- “My Father is always working.”
 - So I too want to join that work...

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What it looks like...

- **Telling & showing** that **the King has come**:
 - Jesus is God's Son in human form
 - He has suffered so we can enter God's family
 - His Spirit is in us, empowering us to work in and for His Kingdom
- "Repenting and believing" → **turn and follow**
 - People making decisions for or against
- **Being transformed** for and by the King
 - Seeking His Kingdom
 - Growing in Christlikeness

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What it looks like...

- It does not mean that...
 - everything else stops or is unimportant
 - only 'spiritual things' matter
- It does mean that everything finds its place only in how it relates to the Kingdom of God

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“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him. *Mark 1:17*