

January 25, 2022



Parable of the Pastor

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?

What woman having ten silver coins, [a] if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it?

Jesus[said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. 13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

Parables were Jesus' way of telling stories about everyday life to regular folk. Stories about fishing and farming, tax collecting and losing something of value. Each story pointed to a deeper truth that might have been missed in the daily living of fishing, farming, etc.

What is the deeper story underlying your life of late? What is the hidden message you may have yet to uncover? Recently as I was rummaging through the glove compartment of our car, I found a copy of our extended warranty. It had been a while since I had taken time to read it. I rediscovered that we were required to have regular maintenance. Check. It also required a 5-year checkup at the dealership in which the vehicle was purchased. This was to be finalized on or before the 5-year anniversary date of said purchase. According to my estimation, the 5 years had happened the previous month! But COVID had derailed our travel plans! What if I called the dealer and pleaded our case! What if we called the company who holds the warranty!

A quick call to the dealer was greatly reassuring. Not only did the dealer indicate such cross-country travel was never required, but he reminded me that 2021 was, in fact, not the 5th anniversary of our car purchase but, instead our 4th year. We would only need copies of our annual visits to a local dealer for regular maintenance in order to validate our warranty a year from now!

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The parable of daily living suggests that it is best to not make up alternative facts before we learn the truth. This may take time to breathe, to step back from reacting and remember that we do not possess the only version of truth – even though we may think that we do. Modern day parables suggest that God’s timing is not our own and that most often the time between planting and harvesting is what God uses to grow our faith, to build our trust and remind us that we live in God’s timing and not our own. Relax. Settle down. What do you need to learn from the parable of your own life? Peace for your journey. Blessings. Mitch

Presbyterians Sharing Video:

Together We Are Sharing God’s Love

The year 2021 was once again filled with change and uncertainty. Still, congregations across Canada continued to participate in God’s mission through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.



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This is the 100th edition of the TWASA
Thank you to everyone who reads each week!



The deadline for The Link
(our congregational
newsletter) is January 30th
Please email
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January 25th is celebrated by the world-wide Scottish diaspora as the birthday of poet Robert Burns. Try one of [the recipes at this weblink sometime this week.](#)



A mustard seed

It's impossible your head tells you.
There's just too much to do.
Everything's a mess.
Hope is lost.

But still...
Don't you have at least a little bit of faith?
A tiny seed.

Inside there's a plan,
A hope, a dream of great possibilities.

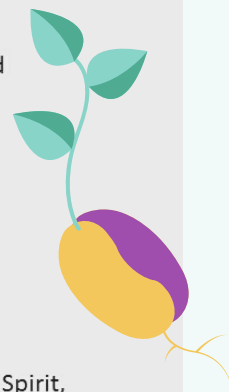
Within a small seed of faith
Resides all the power of God.

Plant the seed. Water it carefully, lovingly,
Then let the Lord take control.

In even just a shred of faith in God
You'll find promises –
Of Christ's victory in your life,
Of faith moving mountains,
Of the resurrection,
And a heavenly destination.

Life eternal begins today.
Start living it now.

Then join with others living in the Spirit,
Each one giving all through a grain of faith
Countless mountains, moving across nations
Building up the glorious Kingdom of God.



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Reservations for Sunday

We are still asking for congregants to register for attendance at the Sunday service. We know that many have stopped pre-registering. However, as more people attend (and we get closer to reaching our capacity of 70 attendees) we need your help to let us know if you'll be there in-person on Sunday. Please help us to prepare for worship by [clicking here](#) for the form to register for Sunday.

Read From Your Bible This Week

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- Psalm 71:1-6
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Luke 4:21-30

