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Have you ever thought about how everything begins with a seed? Amazing inventions like the computer began with the seed of an idea. The Bible begins with the seed of the first sentence: *“In the beginning...”* A thousand dollars saved began with a dollar seed. A huge, towering oak tree began with an acorn seed. Even you began your life as tiny, microscopic seed!

Everything begins with a Seed!

Why? Because over 4,000 years ago, God made His Covenant with Noah in which He established His principle of Seedtime and Harvest. When He did, He promised that this principle would be forever:

“While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease” (Genesis 8:22).

When you Sow Uncommon Seeds, you are agreeing with God...you are accepting what it means to live in a **COVENANT RELATIONSHIP** with Him.

What is a Covenant? A covenant is a solemn, binding agreement between two or more people. To Covenant with someone means that those involved will stand behind their word, no matter what. The Covenant is never forgotten.

God Is a God of Covenants

Throughout Scripture, God made Eternal Covenants with His people, promises of what He would do for them as they walked with Him in love, faith, and obedience. As you walk with Him today in an obedient Covenant Relationship, you inherit ALL of His Covenant Blessings in the Bible. When you Covenant with God...

- **His power, peace, and provision for you are endless!**
- **He stands behind His Word!**
- **He will not—CANNOT—be unfaithful to what He has promised to do for you!**

When you obey the voice of God's Holy Spirit and Sow Uncommon Seeds as He directs, you will Reap His Uncommon Harvests in your life. Your Covenant with God for His Uncommon Harvests in your health...your finances...your relationships...whatever area of your life in which you need His intervention... can begin with your Uncommon Covenant Seed!

What Land Are YOU Living In?

Many Christians today do not understand the principles of Covenant Living and are experiencing life at a level way BELOW the

blessings that God has for them.

- **Many choose to live in the land of “Not Enough.”**
- **Others choose to live in the land of “Barely Enough.”**
- **Very few choose to live in the land of “More Than Enough”!**

Wouldn't it be so much better if living with God's miraculous provision were a way of life? What peace, joy, and security we will know when we walk with Him hand-in-hand like obedient, hopeful children, confident that our every need will be provided for and trusting in the faithfulness of our loving Heavenly Father!

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

Your Uncommon Seed is...Your exit from your present! Your door to your future! Your bridge leading you out of the lands of “Not Enough” or “Barely Enough” to a land of “More Than Enough” filled with God's Uncommon Harvests!

By consistently living in a loving, faith-filled, obedient Covenant Relationship with God that includes His principle of Sowing and Reaping, you can live in the land of “More Than Enough”!

It's Time for You to Take Inventory!

Most people who live in the lands of “Not

Enough” or “Barely Enough” are taking inventory of their NEEDS... what they don't have... what they wished they had. If you truly want to live in God's Promised Land of “More Than Enough,” then it's time for you to take inventory of your SEED... what you do have!

What is a Seed? A Seed is anything you can give to God that can become more...

Love

Joy

Thoughts

Faith

Time

Gratitude

Talents

Humor

Patience

Forgiveness

Money

Hope

Prayer

Help

Kindness

Peace

You are a walking warehouse of Seeds! What Seeds are you holding in your hands that you can

Sow into God's Kingdom? Start taking inventory of your SEEDS, instead of your NEEDS. Then Sow these Seeds into Good Ground! As you faithfully release the Seeds in your hand, God will faithfully release back into your life the Uncommon Harvests in His hand!

Remember...

Everything begins with a Seed...including your Uncommon Harvests from God!

One of the most important lessons I've learned is that there are three things God expects me to do if I want to Reap His Harvests, His Blessings, and His Favor in my life:

- **Obey Him**
- **Exercise Faith**
- **Sow Seeds**

Experience has taught Barbara and me over and over again that as we obediently and faithfully Sow Seeds **wherever, whenever, and however God directs**, we will consistently Reap His Harvests in our lives. Why? **Because God is ALWAYS faithful to His Word!**

God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Numbers 23:19).

God CANNOT lie. He CANNOT repent (change His mind). What He has Covenanted

with His people to do, HE WILL DO. As we obediently and faithfully respond to His Word and walk in a loving Covenant Relationship with Him, He is faithful to keep His promises to us.

In Genesis 8:22, God declared, “*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest...shall not cease.*” His Seedtime and Harvest principle will never end...it is an ETERNAL principle. He has **promised** that when we Sow, we WILL Reap!

A Hundredfold Harvest

Isaac is just one of the many Biblical examples of how obedience, faithfulness, and Seed Sowing result in God's tremendous Harvest blessings:

There was a famine in the land...Then the LORD appeared to him [Isaac] and said: “Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I shall tell you. Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father...” Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him. The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous (Genesis 26:1-14).

During a time of famine, God told Isaac not to go down to Egypt, where he would have had plenty of food and water for his household. Instead, he was to remain in the land God had promised to his father Abraham.

When you read a reference to Egypt in the Bible, it refers not only to a geographical location, but also to the world's system and way of doing things. God was commanding Isaac, "Don't look to the world or to natural things to provide for you during this time of famine. Look to **Me!**"

Just imagine what it meant for Isaac to remain where there was a "famine in the land... terrible thirst...starvation...extreme lack...dire need...barren wasteland... It was in the midst of this desperate situation that Isaac stayed in the Promised Land. What was his source of blessing going to be? God! What did he do?

- **Isaac obeyed God!**
- **Isaac exercised his faith!**
- **Isaac Sowed Seeds!**

Keep in mind that in a time of famine, seeds are precious. They are the only hope for a future harvest. No one...no one...plants seeds when there's no water, because seeds CANNOT grow without it. But Isaac sowed seeds in the middle of a terrible drought. And what were the results? Read these verses again:

*Then Isaac sowed in that land, and **reaped in the same year a hundredfold**; and the LORD blessed him (verse 12).*

In response to his obedience, faith, and Seed Sowing, Isaac received a "**hundredfold harvest**"! What a powerful example of how to unlock God's Covenant blessings in our lives.

Continuous Sowing Brings Continuous Harvests!

I don't know what kind of "famine" you may be experiencing in your life today. But I do know you have a choice. You can look to yourself...the world...your job...your family...your friends... your church...or your government to be the source of your supply, or you can obey God, exercise your faith, Sow an Uncommon...and watch God step into the circumstances of your life with His Uncommon Harvest Blessings!

But the opposite is also true: Irregular Sowing results in irregular Harvests. And no Sowing results in no Harvests. Every farmer knows that if he wants to reap continuously, he must sow continuously. Sowing and Reaping is a cycle that must be maintained, both in the natural AND in the spiritual.

We must develop the habit of continuously Sowing—even in times of famine...especially in times of famine...so that we can live in the habit of continuously Reaping. The Seeds you Sow today will decide tomorrow's Harvests. When you determine in your heart to be a faithful Sower, even in times of famine, God will not allow you to run out of Seed:

- **God wants you to believe Him!**
- **God wants to meet your needs!**
- **God wants to bless you with His Uncommon Harvests!**

But remember: God's Covenant Blessings come as a result of our faith-filled obedience to Him.

Our Challenge for You

When you are faithful to Sow an Uncommon Seed, God is faithful to release His Uncommon Harvests. When you release the Seed in your hands, God releases the Harvests in His hands.

Perhaps you're one of our Inspiration Partners who has Sown Seeds sporadically...or perhaps not at all...because you've been living in a time of famine. I challenge you today to take a step of faith. Obey God. Sow your Seed into Good Ground, and then wait on Him for His Harvests, because they will surely come. Yes, even in a time of famine!

Right now, get a pen and write down the specific Uncommon Harvest you are asking God to supply from your Uncommon Seed. And if you're going through a time of famine in your life, then write this well. Place the card and your Uncommon Seed in the enclosed envelope, and mail it to us today.

Barbara and I will pray for God to send you your Uncommon Harvest in such a way that you will know it has come to you as a result of your obedient and faithful Seed Sowing.

Remember...when you release the Seed in your hand, God releases the Harvests in His hand!

What we Sow, He multiplies. Think about it this way... Let's say you put a handful of seed in a jar, stick the jar in a cupboard, and leave it there for three months. When you come back, what will you find? A jar of seed! You certainly wouldn't discover any kind of harvest. The same is true in the spiritual world. Until you Sow your Seed, nothing happens.

You must Sow your Uncommon Seed to Reap God's Uncommon Harvest!

The world's economic system tells us to hoard. Instead, we must choose God's economy, which doesn't make sense to the natural mind. God says, "If you want to receive from Me, GIVE!"

Instead of holding our Seed, He asks us to release back to God what He has placed in our hands. Only then will we Reap His blessings in our lives and be covered by His supernatural provision and protection.

It's Impossible to Out-Give God!

God initiated His cycle of giving with us by giving us life. He gave us His only Son to be our Savior, and He gives us His Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide. Everything we have is because of His generosity.

God has established His eternal principle of Sowing and Reaping.

He never interrupts His cycle of giving and receiving. We do.

God gives to us, and wants us to express

our thanks by giving back to Him. He gives us more, and we give back to Him again. Then He blesses us with even more. Whenever we let go of what we're holding on to, He replaces it with something better. It's impossible to out-give God. His very nature is to give!

Some may argue, "Well, I've tried that, David, and it doesn't work. I've Sown and I haven't Reaped. I've given, and I've received nothing in return." Friend, beware of this faulty thinking. Satan is a liar, and he whispers lies of fear and doubt into Believers' ears to cause us to hold on to our Seed instead of Sowing it back into God's Kingdom. The enemy doesn't want God's Kingdom to grow, and he doesn't want our lives to be blessed with God's Harvests!

Seasons of Change

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "*To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.*" Nothing stays the same. Change is inevitable. There are seasons in our lives. The farmer knows there are definite seasons of seedtime and harvest...

- Spring is when he sows his seeds.
- Summer is when he waits for his crops to grow.
- Autumn is when he reaps what he has sown.
- Winter is when it can be cold, dark, and dreary, and nothing seems to be happening. It's during this season that the

farmer waits and prepares for the coming spring.

Every one of these seasons is important; none is more important than another. It's the same in the spiritual world. The Seeds you've Sown into God's Kingdom take time to sprout and grow into crops. But God has established this eternal principle of Seedtime and Harvest: "*While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest... shall not cease*" (Genesis 8:22). The Bible is clear:

You WILL Reap what you Sow. Harvest time WILL come! Be encouraged! This is God's promise:

He that goes forth and weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves [harvest] with him (Psalm 126:6).

Have you Sown your Seeds and watered them with your prayers, worship, and the Word as you wait for your Harvest? If so, take heart! Be like the farmer:

Therefore be patient, brethren for the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand (James 5:7-8).

Let Your Roots Grow Deep

It's in the winter seasons that the devil tries

to use your circumstances to attack you. He whispers, "God doesn't care about you. If He did, He wouldn't have let this happen." The enemy's goal is to lie and steal from you, and ultimately to devour you physically, financially, relationally, and spiritually. But Jesus said that **HE** has come so that you can have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10)!

God allows winter to come...circumstances that could depress and discourage you. If you focus on your problems, the devil will try to use your circumstances to defeat you. Instead, look to God and remember His faithfulness, even when it's hard to see signs of it with your natural eyes. While spring and summer are times of upward growth, winter is a time of downward growth. In the winter, instead of trees growing upward, their roots are growing deeper into the ground. As Believers, we tend to pray for relief from the winter seasons of life, instead of seeing how deep roots in God are part of His plan. We need our roots to grow deep in Christ, because it takes deep, strong roots to bear bigger and more abundant fruit for God's Kingdom!

If you are in a winter season in your life, just know that God is growing you up to be strong in faith, strong in grace, and strong in the knowledge that He is in control of your life.

Your Turnaround Is Coming!

Although things may look dead in winter, they're NOT! When the season changes, spring

comes, and what appeared dead comes to life! If it's winter in your life and you can't seem to feel His Presence...if the future seems uncertain...if you're still waiting to Reap your Harvest...know that God hasn't forgotten you, and He hasn't forgotten about your Seed or your Harvest.

Just as surely as winter comes, spring will follow. You WILL understand His grace and mercy. You WILL see His faithfulness as you walk in an obedient Covenant Relationship with Him! You CAN have a Turnaround with Him and Reap His Uncommon Harvests in your life!

Are you experiencing a "winter" in your physical or spiritual health, your finances, or your relationships? Then do this:

Water your Seed with prayer, worship, and the Word.

- Be steadfast and unmovable.
- Press on toward your high calling in Christ Jesus.
- Lay aside every weight holding you back.
- Do not give up when you don't see your Harvest!

Spring is just around the corner. A spring of greater vision...a spring of answers to prayer. The more difficult the winter season, the deeper your roots will grow, and the greater your coming Harvest will be. My friend, an amazing turnaround can be yours...new Joy... new Peace...and a new level of Contentment

in your life in God! Just patiently wait and give your Uncommon Seed time to produce the Uncommon Harvest you're expecting.

Your Waiting Reveals Trust

Lamentations 3:25-26 reminds us, "*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*"

Waiting may be painful, but it's the season between Sowing and Reaping. Don't get discouraged if you can't see immediate results. Harvests don't spring up overnight in the natural world, and they don't spring up overnight in the spiritual world either.

- **Continue** trusting in Him.
- **Continue** crying out to Him.
- **Continue** believing Him, because

He is working ALL things together for your good (Romans 8:28).

God IS faithful. Your Uncommon Harvest IS coming!



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