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Series: Spreading Seeds & Light in 2017

Today's Message: Spreading Seeds – Tears to Fruit

Luke 8:15 "But the seed on good soil stands for those... who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop."

Psalm 126:5-6 "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seeds to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him."

#1. Spreading Seeds— _____ Tears

Two Tendencies:

1. Secular (Without God) - surrender to feelings

2. Religious - _____ their feelings / "follow your heart"

1 Kings 19:3, 4 "Elijah was afraid and ran for his life... "Lord, take my life..."

◆ Elijah puts God in a _____: God—You need to totally defeat Baal right now!"

Ezekiel 36:26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."

Danger: _____ 1 Kings 19:10 "... I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty... I am the only one left and now they are trying to kill me."

Elijah's Damaged Views:

1. "God must destroy all Baal worship now!" [Overly optimistic]

2. "I'm the only one left!" [Overly pessimistic]

#2. _____ Your Tears

Consider: Does a wise, diligent farmer keep his seeds in his barn or take his huge bag of seed and just dump it in a big pile?

⇒ Don't waste your seeds - Spread them!

⇒ Don't waste your _____ - Invest them!

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 "Therefore we do not lose heart... for our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

James 5:17 "Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heaven's gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."

James 5:7, 8 *"Be patient then brothers, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and summer rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."*

#3. _____ Your Tears

1. Ground Your Tears In God's Loving _____.

2 Corinthians 6:9, 10 *"... known, yet regarded as unknown, dying, and yet we live on, beaten, and yet not killed, sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything."*

2 Corinthians 12:9 *"... My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."*

Galatians 6:9 *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

2. Keep Eyes On The _____.

Hebrews 12:2, 3 *"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before Him endured the cross... Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."*

3. Tears Will Bring Fruit For _____.

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