

JESUS FOLLOWING

The gospel of Mark

Mark 4:21-32 (NLT)

21 Then Jesus asked them, “Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light will shine. 22 For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open, and every secret will be brought to light. 23 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” 24 Then he added, “Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given and you will receive even more.

25 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.” 26 Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. 28 The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens.

29 And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.” 30 Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? 31 It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, 32 but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.”





It's Working!

What is the Kingdom of God??



◆ **Mark 1:15**

“The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”

◆ **Matthew 6:33**

Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

◆ **Matthew 6:10**

May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.



**“The Kingdom of God is a
realm where God reigns
over a person's life.”**

-Myron Golden



**The Kingdom of God is
the power and presence
of God working within us.**


Galatians 5:19-21

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these.....anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit **in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is **no law** against these things!**

Accepting Jesus and
accessing the Kingdom of
God are separate events.



**Are you experiencing an
average or abundant faith
journey?**

**The Kingdom of God
must first be revealed for
it to be accessible.**

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What are you **listening to?**



The “Simmering” Process

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Head



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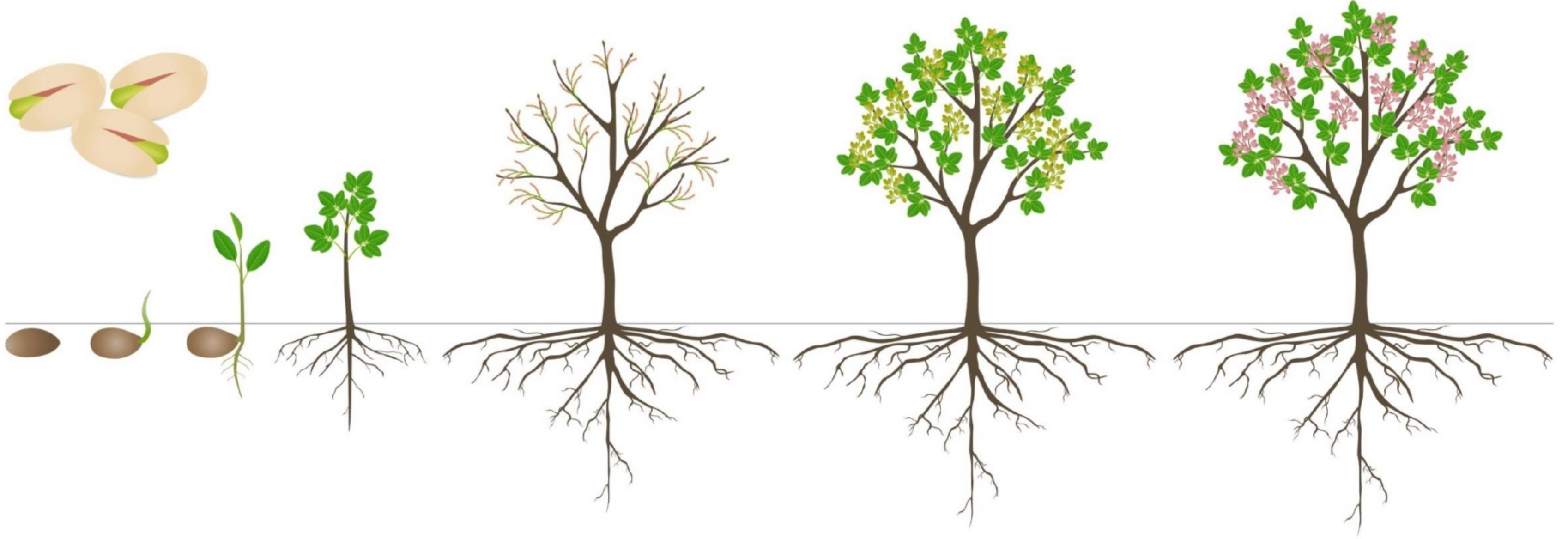
Childhood trauma
Insecurities
Doubts
Lies
Anger/Bitterness
Breakup/Divorce
Addictions
Worries/Fears
Unforgiveness/Resentment

Fill in the _____
Heart

Joshua 1:8

Study this Book of Instruction continually.

Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.



Root System



**How to keep the right
environment?**



How to keep the right environment:

Remembering

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Gratitude



“The Morning Train”

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THE WORD WORKS!



Jesus knew **the word works!**



Will you **trust that the
word works?**