

The Powerful Parables of Jesus The Mustard Seed and Leaven

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31 Here is another illustration Jesus used: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows into a tree, and birds come and make nests in its branches.”

Parable of the Yeast

33 Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

34 Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.

The power of these parables is the use of analogy, not the story line.

Sometimes we look for the power and might and miss it in the small and insignificant. That from within produces transformation.