

TRUST THE SEED, MARK 4:26-29

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I really need rid myself
Of the pressure, pressure, pressure
to be someone else
that the world has made

Jesus take from me
all the pressure, pressure, pressure
to be someone else
you did not create

Help me, be me,
and only, see you,
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- Pressure - the use of persuasion, influence, or intimidation to make someone do something; attempt to persuade or coerce (someone) into doing something
- Christians are constantly living under times of pressure
 - Pressure on how to think, live, what is truth, priorities of life
 - From the Culture, Philosophers, Religions, Governments
 - Even churches that try and pressure individuals into their own mold of truth
 - **Romans 12:2 NIV**, Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
 - We see Satan pressuring Jesus to conform in the Wilderness Testing

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- As a Christian most of our pressure is self inflicted
 - We say things like
 - If I just had more faith
 - If I just understood Scripture more clearly
 - If I was just stronger
 - If my family was different
 - If I just had a better pastor
 - **Isaiah 43:1 NIV**, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”
 - **Psalms 32:8 NIV**, “I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.”

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- Just try and imagine the pressure the disciples were under when following Jesus
 - Most were fishermen, one a tax collector, one a rebel against Rome
 - They were judged as inadequate, lacking, even sinful for following Jesus
 - They were pressured on how to think, what rituals and customs to follow
- Then here comes Jesus and His teaching which at times ran contrary to the religious teachers of the day
 - He taught them about the heart-soils
 - He taught them about letting the truth of Jesus shine in their lives
 - In their minds all this heart-soil Jesus shining changes was their responsibility to complete

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- You can imagine the disciple's heads about to explode trying to grasp, understand, and apply Jesus' teachings
 - The question that would have been in my mind is HOW?
 - How am I supposed to accomplish this in my life when I have no idea what He is talking about?
 - He surely can't be talking to me; I'm just a fisherman....
 - I can't, I don't have the....education, patience, strength, opportunity, spiritual or mental ability, or desire...
 - So Jesus gives them another parable

Scripture

- **Mark 4:26-29 NIV**, 26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.
 - 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. 29 As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

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- Have you ever picked up an acorn, held it in your hand and understood this insignificant looking seed has the potential of making a unique giant oak tree
 - Strong enough to withstand any storm that longs to rip its branches off and push it over to die
 - Strong enough to withstand long periods of scorching heat and dry soil and the freezing temperatures of winter
 - Not only to stand but produce a harvest of acorns the next season and brilliant colors in the fall for God's glory

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- Have you ever picked up an acorn, held it in your hand and understood this insignificant looking seed has the potential of making a unique giant oak tree
 - There is a power and responsiveness in this seed that scientists still can't fully grasp
 - It's there in the heart of the acorn defining what it is
 - Science can define the process of growth but still not fully understand the drive within it

You are that acorn God is holding in His hand

- He knows and understands that single seed called you as unique and precious from all other seeds in His hands
 - He imparts you with worth, significance, meaning, purpose, potential, uniqueness, and all His other attributes
 - He imparts you with seeds to mature the Fruit of the Spirit in your life
 - He imparts the glory of His presence in your life

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- He knows what He is planting and the condition of your heart-soil
 - He knows your experiences, sin that so easily entangles you, the things that spring up in your life hurting you drawing attention away from Him
 - But God also knows He is planting His seeds in your life, and He knows the person He will be producing in you
 - Similar to all His other seeds but yet different and unique as well
- So, what is God growing me to be?
 - **Isaiah 61:3 NIV**, They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.
- Trust the seed

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- **Vs. 26-28**, A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.
 - I can't make that acorn be anything else but an oak tree – trust the seed
 - I can't even make that acorn begin to grow in and of myself
 - We work in partnership with God, yet the real work is left up to Him
 - All I can do is plant the acorn in the soil and wait – trust the seed to become what God has put in its heart

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 - I can help the acorn grow by providing heat, nutrients, moisture
 - Notice even all of these are outside of me
 - Not my body heat or nutrients from my body

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 - See your salvation breaking through the hard covering of sin
 - See the roots of faith push down deep into the soil looking for nutrients of Scripture and the presence of God through prayer and time alone
 - See the stem push upward seeking the glory of the Son
 - Then spreading its leaves almost in praise and worship

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 - Like the tree we push our roots always deeper into the Word of God while raising our hands in praise and worship which will allowing Him to bring out His fruit in our lives
 - Trust the seed and not yourself
 - Trust the seed even when you see no evidence of growth

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 - In the parable, the seed is the word of God under the direction of His Holy Spirit
 - The Bible is not just a list of rules to follow, it lives and works its life into each of us producing the person God desires you to be
- Trust the Seed

Trust the seed to produce God's harvest in your life

- **Vs. 29**, As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.
 - I would like to tell you that God's seed ripens quickly but you know it does not
 - There will be the pressure to move on or early
 - Moses tried to fulfill the seed God placed within him early
 - I would like to tell you that all experiences God will allow in your life are pleasant, but you know they are not
 - Can we say Job

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 - There will be the pressure to let go of God's promises to you
 - I wonder if Joseph ever felt like God's promise was so far away it was impossible
 - There will be pressure to conform to someone else's God seed
 - To try and walk someone else's path because of their appearance of success

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- **Vs. 29**, As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.
 - Pressure to just blend in, go along, don't be noticed
 - **1st Samuel 8:9-10 NIV**, 19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. 20 Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

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- **Philippians 2:13 NIV**, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.
- Jonathan McReynolds – “Pressure”

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