



WORK OF THE SEED
MARK 4:21-34



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2 Corinthians 3:18

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- Who are the we all?
 - Those who have been born again
 - **John 3:3 NLT** Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, (*from above*) you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

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- Who are the we all?
 - Those who have the seed of truth and righteousness planted into their personal spiritual lives
 - Last week the parable of the seeds and soil

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- What veil has been removed from our faces?
 - **2nd Corinthians 4:4 NLT** Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded (*veiled*) the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

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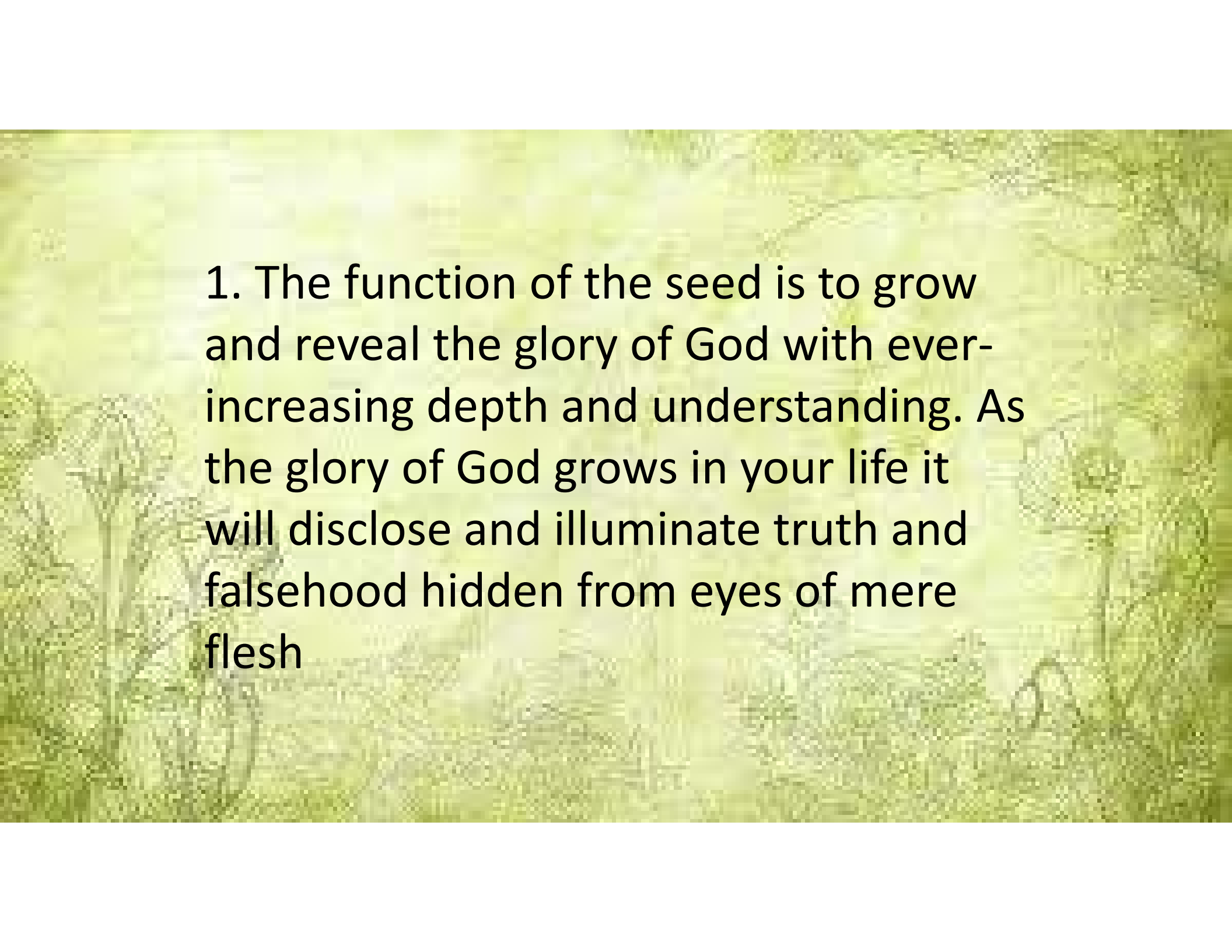
- What veil has been removed from our faces?
 - Because the veil has been removed, we can now see, witness, grasp the Lord's glory
 - Contemplate = Look thoughtfully for a long time at; think profoundly and at length; meditate
 - We see it in creation, God's Word, hear it in worship, we witness it in live of other believers

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- We begin to be changed into what we are contemplating with ever-increasing glory
 - **MSG** – Our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like Him

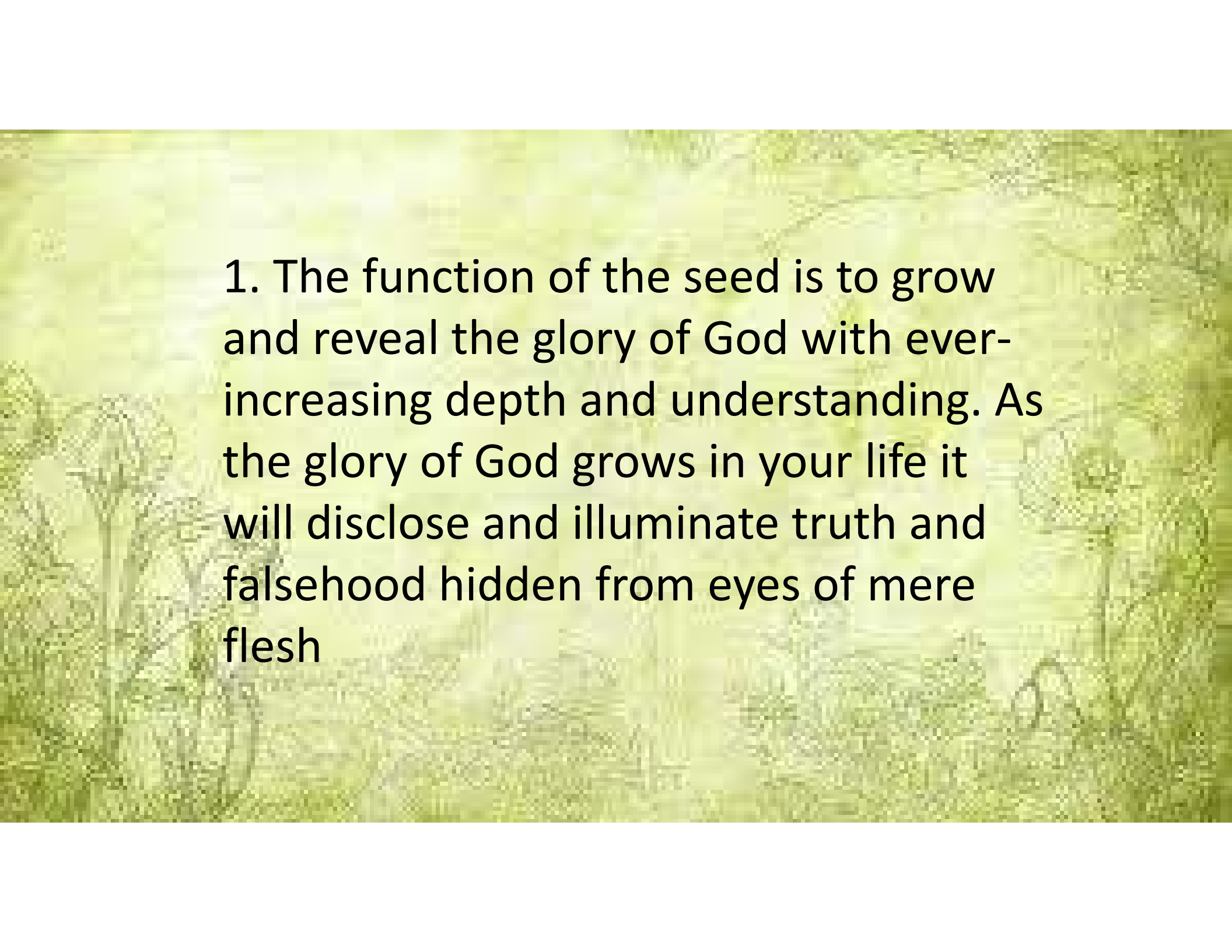
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- All of this comes from the seed of truth and righteousness planted within us, the Spirit of God
 - **Ephesians 1:13 NIV** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit




1. The function of the seed is to grow and reveal the glory of God with ever-increasing depth and understanding. As the glory of God grows in your life it will disclose and illuminate truth and falsehood hidden from eyes of mere flesh

- **Mark 4:21-23 NIV** 21 He said to them, “Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don’t you put it on its stand? *(Shine it in front of you)* 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”




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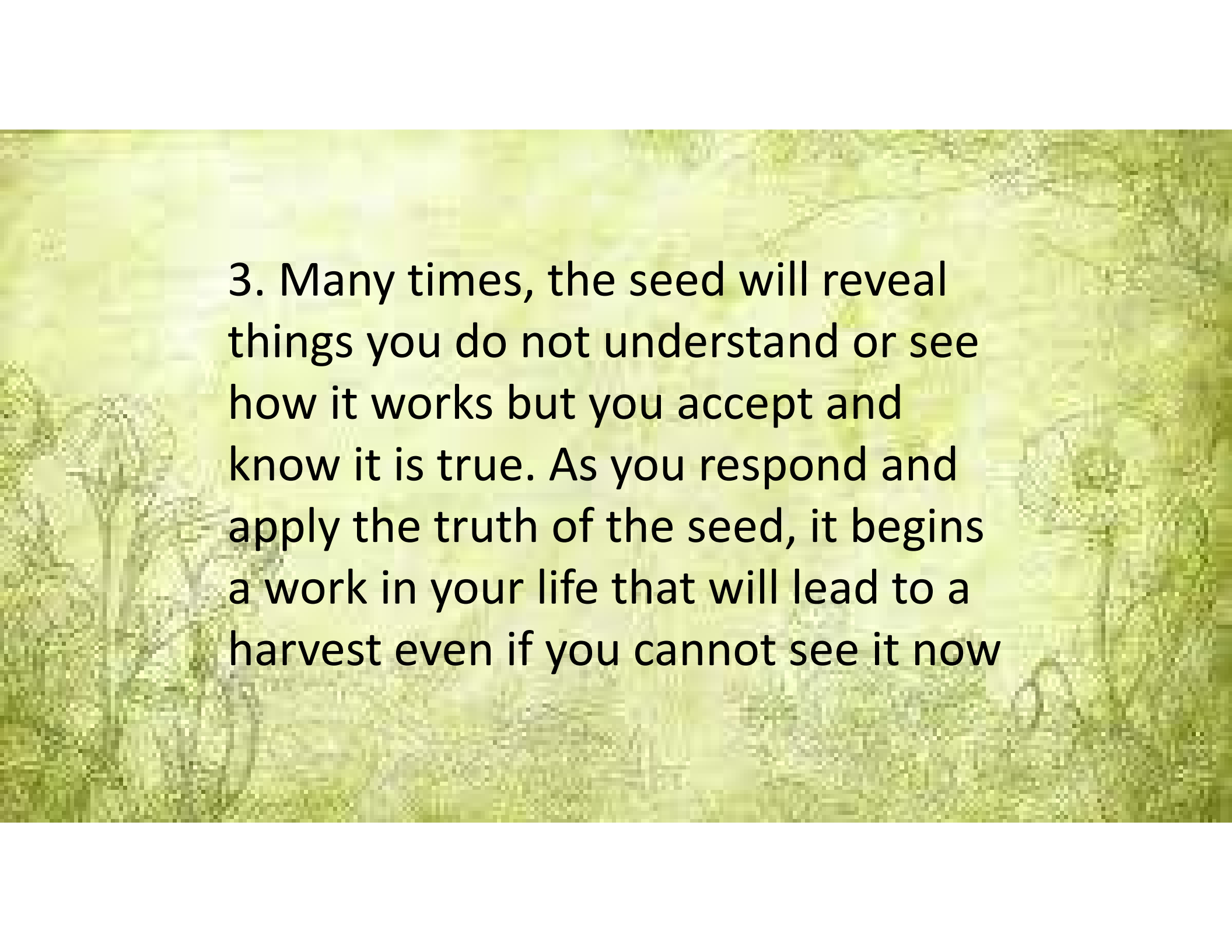


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- **Mark 4:24-25** NIV 24 “Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. 25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

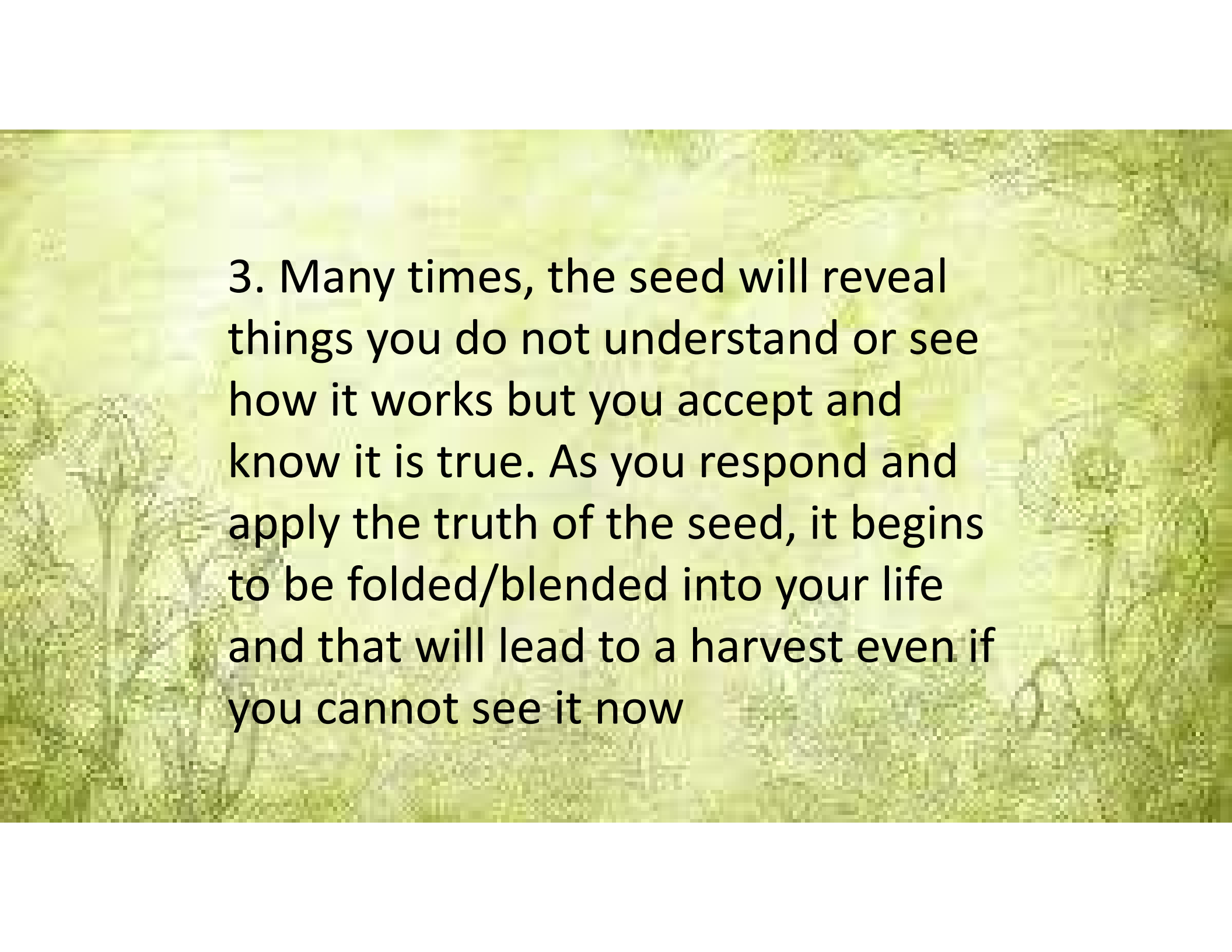


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- **Mark 4:26-29 NIV** 26 He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 All by itself the soil 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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4. Every born-again child of God begins with a tiny seed of God's glory, his truth and righteousness. We encourage that seed to grow and God's glory continues to mature in us with ever-increasing depth and understanding until it is a blessing not just to you, but all God brings into your life

- **Mark 4:30-32 NIV** 30 Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 32 Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”

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 - Understanding is available if approached with the right attitude

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 - Time alone with the Master is imperative for understanding

Just because Jesus explained the parables to the disciples does not mean they understood it fully

- We live by faith first and then ever so slowly by sight as we live out our lives through the truth revealed
- It's sometimes hard to believe it all starts with a simple seed of God's glory planted in our lives
- Never forget where God is taking you



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