

GOSPEL: (Mk 4:26-34)

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come. Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. 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.”

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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My child, life on Earth is a struggle, a big struggle for My kingdom, but don't be afraid, you're not alone. I am supporting you all the time, so rest on My shoulder and fight, don't be afraid of anything. Take the vessel of trustfulness and draw from the fount of life not only for yourself, but think of other souls, especially those who don't have enough trust in My mercy.

Lord, I feel my heart filling up with Your love, I feel the rays of Your love and mercy have transfixed my soul. I'm coming at Your call, Lord, I'm coming to fight for souls, supported by Your grace...

- ➔ Jesus assures me of His Presence at every moment of my life. I am never alone... whether I sleep or get up, at night or during the day, the seed of the Word in me is growing.
- ➔ God, who IS present with me constantly, tells me in moments of doubt: Take the vessel of trust and draw from the spring of life ... Do I arouse acts of trust in moments when I do not feel God's comforting Presence?
- ➔ Today I will also think about other souls, especially those who don't have enough trust in God's mercy.