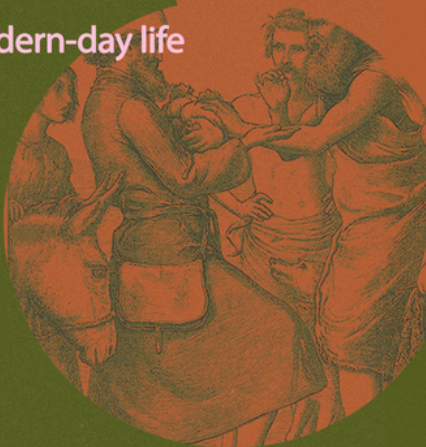


# STORY TIME

connecting parables in the bible to modern-day life

week three



# Parable of the Mustard Seed & Yeast

**Matthew 13:31-33**

## **PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED**

*"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. 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."*

Matthew 13:31-32 NLT

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## **PARABLE OF THE YEAST**

*"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."*

Matthew 13:33 NLT

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## **WHAT'S THE APPLICATION?**

What are some small steps you can take that can lead to a big harvest in and through your life?

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## GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

### MEDITATE

As you look at the image above, what do you notice? What do you sense the Holy Spirit is impressing on your heart?

### STUDY

Read Mark 4:30-34 and 1 Corinthians 5:6-8. What are the common themes? What do you notice as it relates to your life?

### BRING BACK WONDER

Come to this First Wednesday, December 6, for an inspirational experience that will bring wonder back to your Christmas season. RSVP at [echo.church/firstwednesday](https://echo.church/firstwednesday)

### FINISH STRONG

Stretch your faith by giving generously this month to causes beyond yourself. For more info, visit [echo.church/give](https://echo.church/give)

### PARTICIPATE

Start "The Blessed Life" Reading Plan .....



## KEY STEPS TO GET ENGAGED

Over the next several weeks, as we prepare for the end of the year, you're invited to be a part of the story of what God is doing through His church. Take a look over the opportunities below to get involved and make a difference this season:

### MAKE CHRISTMAS MERRY AT ECHO

Be a part of making some Christmas magic this year and awaken the wonder of what Christmas really means. There's many ways for you to serve and make a difference at one of our Christmas services this year. See more details and sign up at [echo.church/merry](https://echo.church/merry)

### INVITE A FRIEND TO CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Bring a friend with you to one of our many Christmas services at Echo. We have an amazing experience planned for the whole family, fun surprises, gifts, and a whole lot more. See more details at [echo.church/christmas](https://echo.church/christmas)

### BUY A HAMMOCK, MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Artisan Project seeks to equip women in Brazil with creative skills that help them financially support their families. You can purchase hammocks (they make great Christmas gifts!) made by these women to make a difference in their lives and community! More details at [echo.church/global](https://echo.church/global)

### LEAD A SPRING 2024 ECHO GROUP

Be a part of creating life-giving community by leading or hosting an Echo Group in spring of 2024. See more details and information at [echo.church/host](https://echo.church/host)

### END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Generosity matters. Your giving helps make a difference not just in our community but with many of our local and global partnerships. Finish your year strong, and make the most of your tax-deductible gift by the end of the year at [echo.church/give](https://echo.church/give)