

FAITH UNDERNEATH THE SURFACE | Kev Ntseeg Nyob Hauv Qab Nthab
Matthew | Mathais 13:23 (GNT)

“And the seeds sown in the good soil stand for those who hear the message and understand it: they bear fruit, some as much as one hundred, others sixty, and others thirty.”

Tiamsis cov noob nplej uas poob rau ntawm qhov av zoo, piv txog cov uas hnov Vajtswv Txojlus es lawv txawj totaub: lawv cov ntawd ibtxhia txi tau 100 npaug, ibtxhia 60 npaug, thiab ibtxhia 30 npaug.”

Big Idea

When we receive, understand, and **obey** God’s Word, it will produce spiritual fruit in our lives—even when we cannot yet see what **God** is doing.

Historical Background

1. Matthew wrote his Gospel to show that **Jesus** is the promised Messiah and King.
2. Matthew 13 marks a significant turning point in **Jesus’** ministry.
3. **Jesus** used parables —ordinary stories that communicated spiritual truths about God’s kingdom.
4. Farmers often scattered seed by **hand** before plowing the field.
5. The **seed** represents the Word of the kingdom, while the different soils represent the human **heart**.
6. The seed was the same in every place, but the condition of the **soil** was different.

Point 1: Receive the Seed | *Taxis cov noob zaub*

7. Good **soil** represents a heart that is open, humble, and teachable before God.
8. **Good** soil does not represent a perfect person; it represents someone willing to receive God’s Word.
9. A hardened **heart** resists the Word.
10. A shallow **heart** may respond emotionally but does not endure.

11. A crowded **heart** allows worries and worldly desires to choke the Word.

12. We should ask **God** to remove hardness, fear, unbelief, bitterness, and distractions from our hearts.

Personal reflection: What may be preventing God’s Word from growing deeply in your heart? *Tej yam uas tivthaib Vajtswv Txojlus koj loj hlob tau hauv koj lub siab yog dajtsi?*

Point 2: Understand and Obey the Word |

Tautaub thiab mloog Vajtswv txojlus

13. Biblical hearing means receiving God’s truth with **faith** and allowing it to direct our lives.
14. We truly understand the Word when we begin to **live** according to it.
15. It is not enough to know that God hears prayer; we must continue **praying** when the answer is delayed.
16. When circumstances say, “Nothing is changing,” faith asks, “What has **God** said?”
17. Obedience allows the seed of **God**’s Word to grow roots.

Weekly application: Write one truth from Scripture that you will practice this week. | *Sau ib yam tseeb hauv Vajtswv txojlus uas koj yuav xyaum cov lub limtiam no.*

Point 3: Trust God During the Hidden Season |

Ciasiab rau Vajtswv thaum lub caij ntsiag tos

18. A **seed** does not become a harvest overnight.
19. Before a plant grows upward, it often sends roots downward.
20. Hidden does **not** mean **inactive**.
21. Waiting does **not** mean **abandonment**.
22. Delay does **not** necessarily mean denial.

23. While we ask God to change our circumstances, He may be changing **us**.

24. During seasons of waiting, God may produce patience, humility, endurance, compassion, wisdom, and deeper dependence upon **Jesus**.

Personal reflection: What may God be developing in you during your present season of waiting? | *Koj puas hnov los yog pom tej yam uas Vajtswv ua haujlwm hauv koj lub neej ntawm lub sibhawm uas koj tseem tos Nws?*

Point 4: Water and Protect the Seed | *Yug thiab tivthaiv lub noob zaub*

25. Unbelief **can** snatch the Word away.

26. Worry **can** choke spiritual growth.

27. Impatience **can** make us give up before the harvest.

28. We water the **seed** through Scripture, prayer, worship, obedience, and fellowship with other believers.

29. Speaking **God's** promises means bringing our thoughts and words into agreement with His truth.

30. Biblical faith asks **God** boldly while trusting His wisdom and timing.

31. Our confidence rests in **God**, not in our ability to force a particular result.

Personal reflection: Circle the greatest threat to the seed in your heart: | *Khij yam uas nyob hauv koj lub siab uas tsum tshuam koj txojkev ntseeg loj hlob.*

- Unbelief (*tsis muaj kev ntseeg*)
- Pressure (*Kev Nyuaj Siab*)
- Worry (*Kev Txhawj Xeeb*)
- Worldly desires (*Kev ntshaw khoom hauv ntiaj teb*)
- Impatience (*Kev siab lus*)
- Discouragement (*Kev Poob Siab*)

.Point 5: Expect Fruit and Remain Thankful |

Ciasiab rau cov txiv hmab thiab ua tsaug

32. Every example of good **soil** produces spiritual fruit.

33. The thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and hundredfold harvest shows the extraordinary power of **God's** Word to transform lives.

34. Gratitude does not deny pain; it refuses to allow pain to become the **only** thing we see.

35. Isaiah 55 compares God's Word to rain that waters the earth and causes grain to **grow**.

36. Galatians 6:9 teaches that we will reap a harvest if we do not **give** up.

37. While waiting, we should continue praying, believing, obeying, and giving **thanks**.

Three Evidences of God's Goodness

Practical application: Write down three ways God has already shown His goodness while you are waiting for the complete answer. | *Sau peb yam zoo hauv koj lub neej uas Vajtswv tau pab koj.*

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
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Five Actions to Remember

38. **Receive:** Welcome God's Word with a humble **heart**.

39. **Understand:** Learn what the Word means and apply it faithfully.

40. **Trust:** Believe that **God** is working during hidden seasons.

41. **Water:** Continue praying, meditating, obeying, and worshiping.

42. **Expect:** **Look** for spiritual fruit and remain thankful.

Final Truth

The ground may appear unchanged, but the seed is not dead. God's Word may already be developing roots beneath the surface. The seed is still working.