

# MARK

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MARK 4:26-34

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1 Corinthians 3:6-7

### ESSENTIAL TAKEAWAYS:

1. We need to be \_\_\_\_\_ scattering seed (v. 26), which is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14).
2. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ any \_\_\_\_\_. God does the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 27-28).
  - ◆ Much \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ from us.
  - ◆ We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ or real \_\_\_\_\_ in anyone.
  - ◆ God's work does not \_\_\_\_\_ in any way \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ on the part of the believer.
  - ◆ We must \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of personal \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ faith is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 27-28).

◆ We pray to be \_\_\_\_\_ in what God is \_\_\_\_\_.

4. God uses \_\_\_\_\_ beginnings to bring about unexpected \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 30-32).

### GOD'S COUNTER-INTUITIVE FORMULA:

★ “The \_\_\_\_\_ of God”  
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(1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10)

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS & CHALLENGE:

- ★ List five people to whom you want to scatter seed. Share this list with someone who will hold you accountable.
- ★ In what ways, be specific, have you tried to create a godly response in another person?
- ★ What is your key takeaway from this passage? How will you put it into practice?

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### ESSENTIAL TAKEAWAYS:

1. We need to be faithfully scattering seed (v. 26), which is the Word of God (v. 14).
2. We cannot cause any growth. God does the growing (vv. 27-28).
  - ◆ Much growth is hidden from us.
  - ◆ We cannot manufacture a genuine response or real change in anyone.
  - ◆ God's work does not encourage in any way laziness, apathy, or inaction on the part of the believer.
  - ◆ We must escape the idea of personal accomplishment.
3. Patient faith is required (vv. 27-28).

◆ We pray to be participants in what God is growing.

4. God uses humble beginnings to bring about unexpected results (vv. 30-32).

### GOD'S COUNTER-INTUITIVE FORMULA:

★ “The foolishness of God”

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“The power of God.”

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