

Cultivating Faith
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The life of faith in Jesus is similar to that of the gardener. Jesus becomes the new owner of the land, with a purpose in mind. He desires to see fruitfulness from His newly acquired land. Today we'll take a look at the parallel between the process a gardener goes through to build a garden and the process we go through when we make Jesus the Lord of our lives life.

Introduction:

Under new ownership: New purpose, design and plan

Removing the old or established to accommodate a new season of fruitfulness

Breaking ground: Discovering what's beneath the surface
Rocks and Roots

Changing the Structure: Soil composition that promote life
Sand, clay, minerals

Adding Nutrients: Soil amendments for vitality
Compost and Manure

Sowing: the Spirit and the Word

Tending the Garden: pruning and weeding

Harvest: Delighting in what is produced

Scriptures

Matthew 8:13:3-9 NLT

Romans 8:2 NKJV

Psalms 139:23 NIV

1 Peter 5:8

2 Corinthians 1:4a

John 15:8

Galatians 5:22-23

Zephaniah 3:17

Going deeper

Care Group Guide

Under new ownership

What was your experience with Christ becoming Lord of your life?

Removing the old or established to accommodate a new season of fruitfulness

Were there any major changes when you first became a follower of Jesus?

Breaking ground: discovering what's beneath the surface

Rocks and Roots

What are some of the things God has revealed to you that were in your heart that He wanted to remove?

Changing the Structure: Soil composition that promote life

Sand, clay, minerals

Adding Nutrients: Soil amendments for vitality

What structures are in your life that helps you continue in your walk with God?

Such as Gathering for worship services, coffee with a friend, reading, listening, or other habits that have a regular place in your life.

Sowing: the Spirit and the Word

What spiritual gifts have you recognized that God has given you? (If you've not considered or identified any, we have resources to help you discover your spiritual gifts. Just give us a call (541)479-2639 or email micah@parkwaycc.com)

Tending the Garden: pruning and weeding

Have you experience the Lord leading you away from a good opportunity or ask you to give up something good in order for you to head in a different direction?

How have Christian friends helped you to avoid compromise or overcome temptation?

Harvest: Delighting in what is produced

Have you felt or considered the Lord's pleasure at your spiritual growth? If so, how?

If you have not, consider this prayer:

"Lord, what steps have I taken in my life that you delight in? Please show me how you delight in me."

Psalm 37:23 The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord,
And He delights in his way.