

SOWING AND GROWING

A MAJOR SHIFT

- The transformation process
 1. Transform - to change or alter in form, appearance, or nature
 2. Receiving Jesus - transformed your spirits - new creations in Christ
 3. Receiving God's Word - transforms your mind (***Romans 12:2 ESV***)
- The shift into becoming a sower
 1. The shift from what can I get to what can I give (sow)
 2. A key principle of God's Kingdom (***Galatians 6:7-10 ESV***)
 3. Thinking seed, not need

AN AMAZING SEED FROM AN UNLIKELY SOURCE (***1 Kings 17:8-16 ESV***)

- An unlikely source
 1. Not Jewish - from a rough anti-God culture
 2. A widow with meager resources
 3. But God had been working on her heart - maybe she cried out to Him
- The courage to obey the word of the Lord
 1. Eat it or sow it - not an easy call
 2. Had to overcome fear - the fear of what if
- The sowing got God involved
 1. Giving in obedience to God - a quality seed
 2. The heart to obey and the courage to take the step of faith

GROWING IN YOUR SOWING

- Don't count yourself out - don't consider yourself an unlikely source
 1. Because of your background or your past
 2. Compared to others, you don't believe you have anything to offer
 3. You are made for this (***Ephesians 2:10 ESV***)
 4. Expand your world by sowing into others (***Philippians 2:3-4 ESV***)
- God wants to be more involved in your life - give Him something to work with
 1. A heart that wants to help - to expand your world beyond your interests
 2. The courage to push past the fear that holds you back
 3. The faith that takes the step and sows a seed