



MUSTARD SEED LEADERSHIP PODCAST

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Part 4: The Fruitful Leader

7 Truths about fruitfulness

Exodus 1:7 (NIV)

7 but the Israelites were exceedingly fruitful; they multiplied greatly, increased in numbers and became so numerous that the land was filled with them.

Introduction:

The Israelites were in a bad situation

- They were enslaved in Egypt
- They were under an oppressive dictator
- They were set up for failure

Exodus 1:12 (NIV)

12 But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread; so the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites

How is it that the Israelites were so fruitful in a such a bad situation?

7 Truths about Fruitfulness

1. The God of the Bible is the God of fruitfulness
2. God commands us to be fruitful and so expects us to be fruitful - it is a command not an option
3. Fruitfulness is not season dependent or circumstance dependent but God dependent
4. Fruitfulness glorifies God

John 15:8 (NIV)

8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

- God is glorified when people see the fruit of covenant blessing

BIG IDEA: See the link between fruitfulness and glory

- God is glorified when we produce much fruit
- That introduces a great danger
- The human heart cannot handle glory!

Isaiah 43:7 (NIV)

*7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."*

So God created us for glory - but not ours, His!

- Satan has twisted that to convince us that we are made for our own glory
- And that's the root of all the problems in the world!

Which brings us to the big question: Are you able to handle greater fruitfulness?

- If God grants you greater fruitfulness, it will bring more glory in your direction
- And when glory comes in your direction, will you absorb it or reflect it to God?

The answer to this question may be what stands in the way of God releasing greater fruitfulness to your life!

Testimony: The challenge to keep praying the simple prayer “I promise you all the glory Lord”

- Will increased fruitfulness glorify you or Jesus?

FRUITFULNESS GLORIFIES GOD SO MAKE SURE THAT GOD GETS ALL THE GLORY

QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever seen the link before that exists between fruitfulness and glory? Does it make sense to you?
2. Honestly, how well do you handle glory? Do you absorb or reflect it?
3. What could you do to handle glory better?