

## AN EASTER REFLECTION

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

*Matthew 13:31-32, New Revised Standard Version Updated*



"Can we plant seeds today?" My five-year-old senses that spring is around the corner, and is itching to get her hands into the soil of our little backyard garden box. She asks me almost daily if it is time to plant yet. Her question about planting seeds speaks to a vision of transformation we hold dear. It's the essence of grassroots work - planting seeds of change, nurturing hope amidst the grief and brokenness of our world.

Organizing and advocating for positive change is akin to gardening. We may not see the full shape of things now, but we plant in hope, believing that change is possible. Life-giving, freeing, liberating transformation is possible. We don't always know the shape of things. What we think is an ending may be a new beginning.

It reminds me of Jesus's parable of the mustard seed. The mustard seed's story - a tiny grain evolving into a plant so large it can offer shelter to birds - mirrors Easter's message of resurrection and new life, inspiring our work at KAIROS. Together, we sow seeds of peace, justice, and love - part of a global movement for faithful action.

We may not know the future's shape, but united in hope, we plant seeds for a better world.

Thank you for joining us in the work of planting, tilling and tending this spring.

In hope,  
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