

Faith Acts When You Can't

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MARK 4:26-29^{NIV}

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

HOW FAITH ACTS WHEN WE CANNOT

1. ACTION IS _____ ON ASSIGNMENT.

- God's grace gives you the ground to stand on; faith gives you the courage to move on it!

2. GOD WORKS _____ YOU

- Faith doesn't cancel responsibility; it clarifies it. We act in obedience, and God acts in sovereignty.

3. WHEN _____ GETS PRACTICAL

1. Be clear about what you do and do not control.
2. Get up and get out.
3. Use what you have.

4. GOD WILL _____ WHAT GOD STARTS

- Recognize the *ripe* moments of harvest:
 - Check it occasionally
 - Look for natural transition
 - Remember the goal

Pray: O LORD, help me surrender control, so I can make room for YOUR control. Help me, O LORD, scatter what you've given me to manage, and I invite YOUR Spirit to grow what I cannot. Amen.