

— THE — POWER OF STORY

Part 5

Thinking Big

This past Sunday Pastor Ken continued *The Power of Story*. During this series we invite you to look with us at the power of story to change us. Jesus' parables can help us to understand and put into practice our faith. Meet with someone at work, your family, or find a place to do it alone or with a friend. Let's grow and do life together during this series.

Now when a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable. Luke 8:4

1. The story we looked at this week takes us into the kitchen (read Mathew 13:33-35). To make bread, you take a small amount of yeast and mix it into a large amount of dough. The small amount of yeast may not look like much, but it spreads all the way through the dough, causing it to rise. Pastor Ken talked about how something small can end up being very big in power, influence, or impact.
2. In those days yeast was usually a symbol of something bad, but Jesus turns it into something positive. The kingdom of heaven is at work in the world to bring a taste of heaven here. What would it look like to have a little more heaven in your world? When you look at yourself, see more than the person you are, see the person you can become (read Proverbs 23:7).
3. Increase happens when it increases in our mind, then our faith (read Matthew 17:20). Small things can change everything. What small step of faith do you need to take in your life today?
4. After there is an increase in our vision and faith, the hardest part is an increase in our patience, especially since we live in a culture that hates to wait (read Hebrews 6:12). If you have been waiting for heaven to break in, but when you look at the dough it seems nothing is happening, do not give up. God is at work in the middle of it all. That bread will rise, so give God your impatience and wait patiently for the fulfillment of His promise.

Close in prayer