2023

Ordinary Time

Matthew 13:31-33



"The Kingdom of God is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; then, full of joy, he goes and sells everything he can to buy that field."

"The Kingdom of God is like someone in business looking for beautiful pearls; and when they found one that was clearly very valuable, they went out and sold everything they had to buy it"

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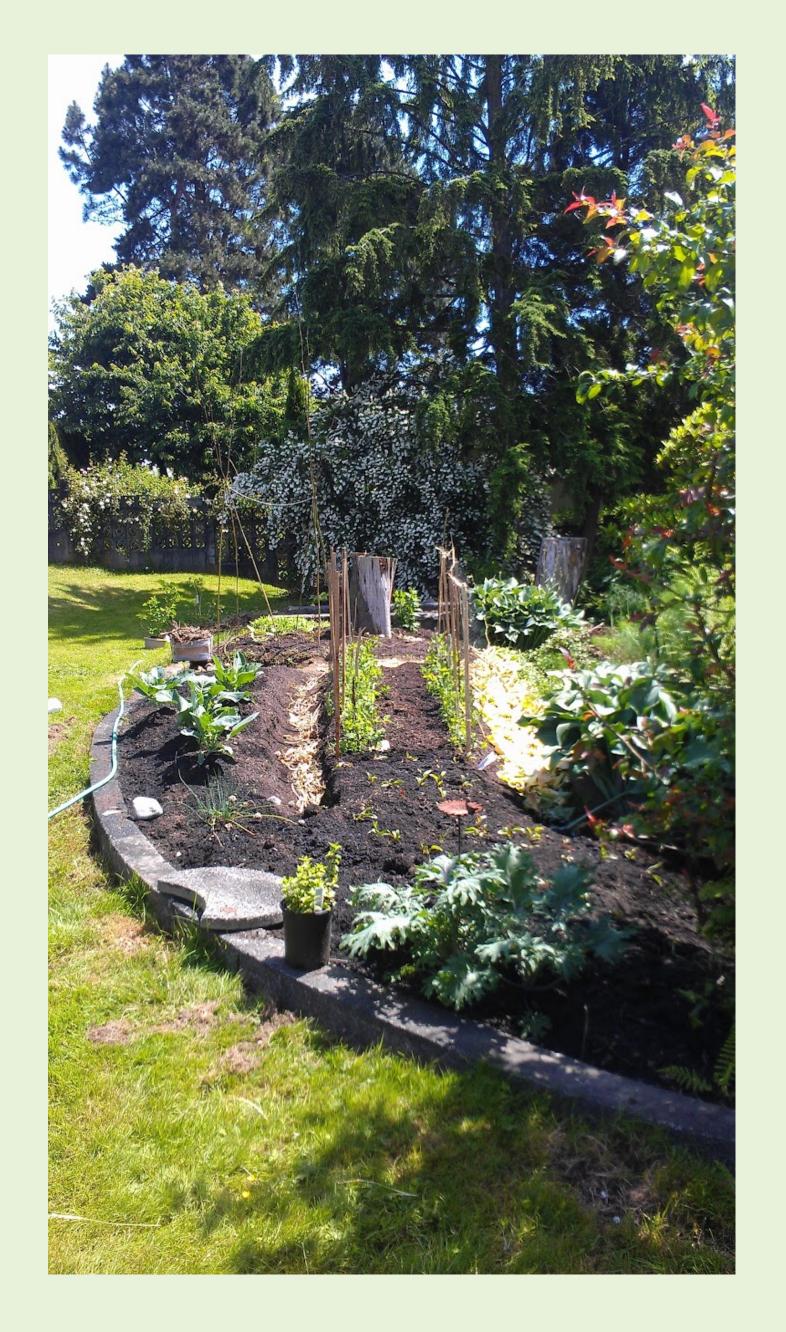


Being part of the Kindom of God means we are learning to see differently, and to reorder how we value people, places, and actions. We honour what and who may seem insignificant or small or ordinary or disruptive.











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-Amy-Jill Levine

...in the small daily choices they made, [Ada Marai Isasi-Diaz] said: between bus fare and a 40-block walk to work, for instance; or between breakfast for oneself and one's child. Those choices embodied immense moral power, and deserved to be honoured in the form of greater roles for those women in their church.

Good news for the original listeners. Is it good news for us?



The Kindom of God is the moral choice to grow a shrub for medicine instead of filling the field with practical vegetables; it's baking and hosting generously for a whole community; it's shelter that provides belonging; it's hidden and disruptive like unexpected fast-growing weeds; delightful like pockets of air in a loaf; it's reevaluating who is the most important person in the room.