

What's Big Starts Small

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Introduction: Marty's Wine & Jesus' Word

I. The Potential:

- A. "Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown" (Mt. 13:8).
- B. Think/Pair/Share—What one verse has grown into a massive source of blessing in your life?

II. The Six Threats:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____
- F. _____

III. The Key Three for Lutheran Leaders: _____, _____, _____

- A. Sobering truth about fruit/faith
- B. Sobering truths about thorns
- C. Worry—The treadmill of people-pleasers and high achievers.
- D. Wealth—The foolishness of one-sided thinkers.
- E. Wants—The error of "Is it permissible?"
- F. Story: The best advice I ever received
- G. Take your guilt to the _____.

IV. Other Insights from The Parable of the Sower:

- A. Great faith is a _____.
- B. Beware of too much _____.
- C. See _____ in Jesus' title.

V. Conclusion:

- A. Story: Mike's great faith