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BREAK OUT OF THE OLD POT

A while ago I bought some flowers with my husband to put into our yard. They were in the trays waiting to be transplanted. When we bought them, they were full of blooms, but it had been several days between the purchase and the time of transplanting them. During that time, they were watered, but not separated into bigger pots. Many of the blooms fell off, and just the greenery was visible.

When we finally got them transplanted, it reminded me of how people get rooted in Jesus, and they begin to bloom, but they don't get separated unto God to grow. The crowdedness of life causes their growth to be choked out and the excitement and "bloom" of the new birth fades. They may have good intentions, just like we did when we purchased the flowers, but a plant must be maintained to give it room to grow.

Life is like this my friends. We must water those we love so they will bloom and become flowerful. We must be watered ourselves by those that love us so we can become flowerful. How do we water each other? One way is loving someone enough to give them space to grow. We must encourage them to bust out of the old pot and expand their faith into a larger pot. We must do it daily with care. Like these plants, our new life in Christ takes time to grow, but once we have grown to a point that our "little pot" can't contain us, we must be taken from the original little small container carefully, and transplanted into a larger container so we can be allowed to grow.

My husband had purchased some other plants earlier in the year, just like these, and repotted them right away. They became very beautiful and grew into a glorious garden of color. They had been given the chance to become what they were intended to become because someone took time and work to help them grow.

Many of us choose to stay in a small pot, which limits what God has for us. In saying this, I don't mean leave your church. I mean that often you don't allow God to grow you and mature you right where you are at. Many don't like the idea of change and are content to be "comfortable" just the way things have always been. Being comfortable is not what will bring growth and change. Growth only comes when there is change.

If that is the condition you are in, I would suggest you consider asking God to help you to desire more. Change will bring a greater life than you can imagine. And to the leaders, in the Church—when someone wants more, don't discourage them. The best kind of leader is one that helps others reach their full potential. We are commanded to be fruitful and multiply. Remember, God says one plants, one waters but God brings the increase. Be a planter and a waterer for Jesus! Break out of that old pot into the new.