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THE LAW OF DECREASE BRINGS INCREASE

Many of Jesus' parables were difficult to understand. He taught us about turning the other cheek when someone wrongs us. He said the greatest in the kingdom would have to become a servant. He spent time together with those that society looked down upon. He did not fit the "mold" for Messiah. Most were expecting him to destroy the rule of the harsh Roman government, but he came as a servant and a suffering Messiah. His decrease would bring us increase.

John the Baptist speaks of decrease in John 3:30 where he said, ***"He must increase, but I must decrease."*** John knew when he prepared the way for the coming of the Messiah that he would have to step back. Some of his disciples did not understand this. John knew that God had given Jesus unlimited measure and told his disciples in John 3:36, ***"He that believeth on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."***

The principle of decreasing to increase makes us dependent on Jesus. It becomes about "him" instead of about "us." It does not make us less of a person, it makes us know where our dependence comes from. He becomes our "life." We look to him for our needs, and He is the one that brings the increase.

Like the story of the one that sowed seed, increase comes when it is sowed into good ground. Good ground is ground that has surrendered to God's will and God's word. God receives the seed sown into it and brings an increase of 30, 60 or a 100-fold.

We sow into good ground so we may receive to give more. When we choose to live life this way, God brings increase on what we have sown.

As we decrease by doing his will, so He increases in our lives, but because he increases in our lives we increase also.