

“Gradually, Then Suddenly”

July 19th, 2026

Summer Reading - Part 1

Pastor Chris Rollins

“Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”

Mark 4:26-29 (NLT)

**God’s greatest work is usually happening
long before we can see it.**

1. Never underestimate small beginnings.

“The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground.” Mark 4:26 (NLT)

**2. God Is Working Even When
you can’t see it.**

“Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens.”

Mark 4:27 (NLT)

“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV)

3. Trust God’s timing.

“But these things I plan won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” Habakkuk 2:3 (The Living Bible)

Thrive Campaign Info Meetings:

- 1 - Friday, August 21st, 6:30pm-8pm, Auditorium
(no childcare - pizza)
- 2 - Saturday, August 22nd, 9am-10:30am, Auditorium
(childcare - refreshments)
- 3 - Sunday, August 23rd, 12:45-2:15pm, Auditorium
(childcare - pizza)
- 4 - Sunday, August 23rd, 5:30pm-7pm, Chapel
(childcare - pizza)
- 5 - Wednesday, August 26th, 9am-10:30am, Chapel
(no childcare - refreshments)
- 6 - Wednesday, August 26th, 6:30pm-8pm, Chapel
(childcare - refreshments)
- 7 - Thursday, August 27th, 6:30pm-8pm, Chapel
(childcare - refreshments)
- 8 - Saturday, August 29th, 10am-11:30am, Auditorium
(childcare - refreshments)
- 9 - Sunday, August 30th, 5:30pm-7pm, Chapel
(no childcare - pizza)
- 10 - Young Adults, Monday, August 31st, 6:30pm-8pm, Chapel
(no childcare - refreshments)
- 11 - Tuesday, September 1st, 12pm-1:30pm, Chapel
(no childcare - lunch)
- 12 - Wednesday, September 2nd, 6:30pm-8pm, Chapel
(childcare - refreshments)

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