

The Leaven: Building Bridges with Others

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Observations from Matthew 13:33:

What is happening in these verses?

- **The Leaven:** Growth through Transformation, Discipleship, Sanctification:
 - **Matthew 13:33, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:10**
- **The Woman Taking and Hiding the Leaven:** God / the Church Spreading the Kingdom:
 - **Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:20-21, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20**
- **The Three Measures of Flour:** Transformation—Reaching All People, Nations, and Maturity in Christ:
 - **Genesis 18:6, Matthew 28:19, Ephesians 4:13**
- **Note:** In this verse, leaven is seen positively (Christ's Leaven) unlike verses such as 1 Corinthians 5:6 and Galatians 5:9



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Reaching the Lost: Luke 19:10, Matthew 9:37-38, Romans 10:14-15, Luke 15:4-7, Mark 16:15

Restoring the Broken: Psalm 147:3, Isaiah 61:1, Matthew 11:28-30, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, Galatians 6:1-2

Raising Up Disciples: Matthew 28:19-20, Ephesians 4:11-13, Colossians 1:28, 2 Timothy 2:2, Hebrews 10:24-25

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Lessons from Matthew 13:33:

What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?

- **Christ's Leaven Transforms from the Inside Out**
 - God's greatest work often begins in unseen ways but leads to powerful results.
 - Supporting Verses: *Isaiah 55:10-11, Galatians 6:9*
- **The Church is Called to Be His Leaven to the World**
 - The Church is meant to be a bridge between people and the transforming power of God's Kingdom.
 - Supporting Verses: *Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Corinthians 9:22*
- **The Kingdom of God is Unstoppable and Expanding**
 - God's Kingdom is not limited by culture, time, or place: it is for all people.
 - Supporting Verses: *Isaiah 9:7, Matthew 28:18-20*

Application from Matthew 13:33:

How can I apply / live out these verses?

- **Trust in God First. Let God Work From the Inside Out.**
 - Spiritual growth takes time, just like leaven takes time to spread through the dough.
 - Supporting Verses: *Hebrews 11:1, James 5:7-8*
- **Be a Bridgebuilder for Someone**
 - Transformation happens through relationships: who can you reach out to?
 - Supporting Verses: *John 13:34-35, Galatians 6:2*
- **Commit to Expanding the Kingdom Beyond the Church**
 - We are not just called to attend church—we are called to build the Kingdom.
 - Supporting Verses: *Acts 1:8, Luke 14:23*

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