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The Sower scatters the seed and goes to bed!

The Growth of the seed is gradual and leads to a harvest!

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Though it starts small, the mustard seed can grow to be 12-13ft tall and 3 ft wide.

What is the significance of the birds resting in the branches?

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#### **1. God Desires To Partner With Us in Kingdom Growth!**

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