

The Bible describes God and what we receive from God in various ways. God himself and how we sense or what we receive from God are, variously, light or fire, breath or wind, and word or logos. God can reveal himself and his desires in people, events, circumstances, seasons, ages, and times. Yet one of the most powerful images of God and the way that God works in us and through us is as the seed, that dying little thing that somehow falls into the right soil, receives the water of life, and grows into very big things sheltering other important things. No matter how big the tree, no matter what community of living things it shelters, no matter how strong its timber or how abundant its fruit, the tree began with the seed. Indeed, you, too, like other living things, began as a seed, the tiniest yet most consequential thing.



What makes a seed so special is the potential it holds for the soil on which it lands. Nothing grows from nothing. Everything must grow from some form of seed. Everything results from seed. Thus seed has the potential for everything. When God drops a seed into you, into your life and circumstances, he offers potential you cannot imagine. Your seed may be an urging, idea, glimpse, vision, or dream. The

size and form of the seed don't matter because the seed isn't the thing. The potential is the thing. Your seed may be the smallest and dullest looking thing. But your seed may lead to a marriage, family, education, job, business, charity, or legacy. Your seed may lead to a ministry, sacrifice, insight, or new and deeper relationship with Christ.

Whatever potential your seed carries, though, it carries more than just energy. Indeed, its energy is a very small thing, consumed long before it bears fruit. The critical element your seed carries isn't energy but information. When you receive a word, so little as a single word, from God, that word contains more information than a thousand reference works, a million encyclopedias. Who, after all, did God tell Moses to tell his nation Israel he was? "Am." Being. God delivers himself when he delivers a word. God's presence in that tiny seed carries all the information necessary for the seed to grow into its full form and bear its full fruit. And that's God. That's the word and logos of God, the light and fire of God, the breath and wind of God. The seed. The tiny seed that died to carry into each person who accepts the seed the fullness of eternal life.