

Seven Decades
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The Tiny but Miraculous Mustard Seed

- Mark 4:30-32 NIV
- Small beginnings with great potential
- Eastview's start: 19 people in 1955 → today thousands

The Seed Planted

- Parables = “throw alongside” spiritual truths
- Kingdom of God = God's reign breaking into our lives
- Mustard seed = ordinary, overlooked, yet chosen by God
- Eastview early years: Broadway house → YMCA → Emerson St. → Towanda Ave.

The Garden Plant

- Mustard grows unstoppable and unexpectedly large
- God's Kingdom cannot be stopped
- Eastview growth: York era, 1,000-seat worship center, outreach (Christmas Tree, Easter at Arena), move to Airport Road
- Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV

The Big Branches

- Birds in branches = nations finding rest and belonging
- God's Kingdom = refuge for all peoples
- Eastview expansion: missions, Imagine, food pantry, Bloomington campus, church planting, Timothy's

A Legacy of People, Not Places and Spaces

- True miracle = ordinary people living out love, life, hope, healing
- Generations passing faith on
- “Eastview isn't an E—it's we!”

The Charge Forward

- *Colossians 2:6–7 NIV*
- 70 years behind us, the tree still growing, fruit still to come