

Death Before Multiplication

Seeds come from living plants. But before they bring more life, they must die.

Good Friday reminds us of a life-death-more life pattern. **The death of Jesus would bring a dramatic multiplication of the body of Christ on earth.** Seeds would be scattered to the four corners of the globe as “dead-to-self” disciples lay down their life in Gospel service.

I am thinking about the death that must come before multiplication in a different way this week. As I enter a new chapter of multiplying my work as a Vision Pathway Navigator with Auxano, I meet the end of my own gifts. **For one man’s passion, ability, and experiences to really multiply, death must happen.** Death to efficiency, death to control and death to ego. For me to multiply I must die to enjoyment of doing and being good at doing. Only then can I significantly invest in others and see the benefits of my clarity cause reach more leaders.

If you aspire to multiply, a great question to ask is, **“How are you dying to your doing?”**

- How are you dying to efficiency to show someone else the ropes?
- How are you dying to control to let someone else have 100% responsibility?
- How are you dying to ego to let someone else be the hero?

Remember, the first command given to humans was all about multiplication – *“Be fruitful and increase in number (Gen. 1:28)”* **This verse is the proto-commission to everything, including the Great Commission.**

- Are you a disciple? Then multiply.
- Are you given a unique set of spiritual gifts and natural talents? Then multiply.
- Do you have a special vision or calling? Then multiply.

You have some thing to multiply. Just don’t forget **death before multiplication.**

Where have you see this principle at work in your life?