

*Matthew 13:33*  
*The problem of change*

**If Jesus is alive why  
haven't things changed  
more dramatically?**

**Could God's promises be  
false?**

*Matthew 13:33*

“He spoke another parable to them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a women took, and hid in three pecks of meal, until it was all leavened.’”

*Three characteristics of  
leaven*

1.

**It is hidden**

2.

**It eventually brings change**

3.

**It operates automatically**

*Three interpretations*

1.

**Evil will infest the kingdom**

2.

**The Kingdom will infest the  
world**

3.

**The Spirit of God will infest all  
of a believer's life.**

*Three lessons*

1.

**Innocuous -**

**The ministry of the Spirit is not always dramatic  
or visible.**

“leaven, a women took, and hid”

*John 3:5-8*

“Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ **The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**”

## *Three lessons*

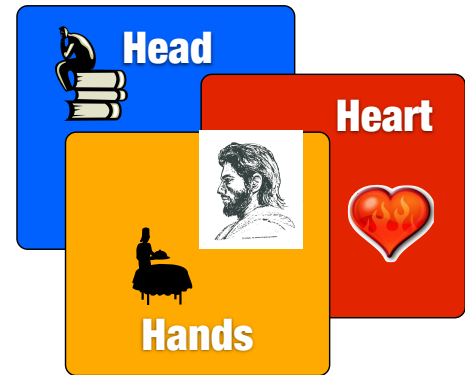
2.

### **Integrated -**

The ministry of the Spirit will effect every area of life.

“It was all leavened”

## *Spiritual maturity is Integration*



## *Three lessons*

3.

### **Inevitable -**

The ministry of the Spirit will prevail in the end.

“until”

## *Ephesians 4:30*

“And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit** of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

## *The Point*

**The Holy Spirit, as the leaven from heaven will covertly transform over time all of life from the inside out.**