“Blessed are your eyes, your ears...”
-Matthew 13:16

witnessing, listening for justice & peace

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“But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous women have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them, and to hear those things which you hear, and have not heard them.” —Matthew 13:17

This was part of Jesus’ answer to his disciples’ question about why he spoke to the public in parables. In some ways, it doesn’t seem like he answered them with yet another parable. Parables are meant to dig deep into our minds, like a seed sending roots into the earth. Parables are meant to challenge our imaginations, like a plant reaching upward to the sun.

They seldom have a single satisfying “explanation” that tells us the single truth we need to know. Truth is richer than this, because life is richer than this. Life grows over time, like us.

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