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***HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?***

Dear Partner,

When I was a young lad growing up in Alabama, squash wasn't one of my favorite foods. I remember one evening when my father was passing around this particular vegetable at the dinner table, I cried out, "Dad, I can't eat that. I don't like squash."

Unmoved, my dad answered, "Son, cultivate a taste for it."

*Cultivate* is a term often used in gardening and farming that means "to prepare for the raising of crops; to loosen or break up the soil about growing plants."

Jesus often used farming examples to explain spiritual principles and teach His followers the way the Kingdom of God operates.

In this month's partner letter, I write about how God's Word functions as a seed which, when planted in the soil of our hearts, grows up producing whatever provisions are needed or changing whatever circumstances are out of line with God's will and purpose for our lives.

Veronica and I love you and pray for you every day. Thank you for being our Partner.

As always, keep walking by faith!

Your Partner and Friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Winston'.

William S. Winston