

## Fairy Tale - The Loving Gardener and the Three Little Seeds

(Psalm 92: 12-15)

In the beginning and every day, the Loving Gardener created little seeds with the potential to become beautiful plants for the display of His glory. This is the story of three of those little seeds.

The first little seed was created in the image of the gardener. But from the very first day the first little seed felt unwanted. It was not even nourished while under the ground. It grew because the garden had some rain and sunshine but it became a flawed plant because it didn't experience real love. I can't trust anyone, it believed. The small plant grew up feeling abandoned.

The second little seed was created in the image of the gardener also. This little seed had a great beginning. A woman and man who loved each other also loved the little seed. They cultivated the ground around the seed and loved and cared for it. It became a beautiful little plant that felt loved. Then one day the man and woman started fighting right in front of the small plant. The man left and never came back. The woman stayed and tried to nurture the young plant. The little plant missed the man and started to feel sad and angry believing that it was the reason the man left and things were never going to get better. I just want to die, the plant thought. It grew up feeling hopeless.

The third little seed was also created in the image of the gardener. As this little plant was growing there was a skunk who lived nearby the garden. The skunk would come and spray the little plant over and over and over again. I'm dirty because of that spray thought the plant. No one will ever really love me. It grew up feeling tainted. All three little seeds grew into wounded plants.

The Loving Gardener knew what was going to happen to each of his little seeds, so he provided a way for them to still become beautiful plants to display His glory. He transplanted them into His own garden under His personal care. He gave them a new life, a new identity in His Son. But they would have to do two things. First they would have to choose between their old self identity and the new identity of His son. Then they would have to begin to renew their minds. It would be a struggle for the little plants at first because they were so full of self-life. The Gardener taught them how to think in a new way, to believe the truth and not the lies, to believe what He said about them.

When the first little plant had feelings of being abandoned and alone it would say... "The Loving Gardener is always with me in my heart. He will never leave me or forsake me." When the plant felt unloved and couldn't trust anyone, it would believe the truth... I am a beloved child of the Gardener. He calls me His own and fills me with His love. It would say "the Good Gardener holds me by the hand, I can trust in Him."

The second small plant felt angry much of the time, but it would remember... The Gardener is my true Father and I can call Him Abba. When the little plant felt hopeless and wanted to die it would say... "I have a wonderful destiny because the Gardener made me His royal child and eternal heir."

The third plant often had feelings of shame but then it would speak the truth out loud ... "I am what happened to me. I am who the Good Gardener created me to be, a holy temple. I am highly valued by Him so I will value myself." When the plant felt dirty it declared... "The Gardener sprinkled water on me and made me clean." When it felt tainted it said..."I am made in the Gardener's image and no one can ever take my place. I am special and unique to Him."

As the three plants practiced speaking the truth over the lies they believed, they learned how to change their thinking. They were renewing their minds.

The Gardener gave them the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would do the transforming work in each plant as long as the plant would follow Rabbi Yeshua, the Gardener's Son. This was also the choice each one would have to make. If they wanted to become whole and beautiful plants they had to keep their eyes on the Son. "Will you follow my Son Yeshua?" the Gardener asked each little plant. "It will cost you yourself," he said. "No more you, only Yeshua in you." The three little plants loved the Gardener and so they each answered, "Yes, we will follow Rabbi Yeshua."

Now speaking affirmations became a habit for them because they believed everything Rabbi Yeshua said about them. He was always loving and good like their beloved Gardener. And much to their surprise and joy, the three plants grew into the image of their Rabbi. Without even realizing it, they had become beautiful plants displaying the glory of the Loving Gardener.

Then the Gardener said, "Go out to the others who are wounded." As the beautiful plants went out, everyone saw Yeshua in them and they wanted to become like them. The beautiful plants directed each new plant they met to the Loving Gardener who gave them this choice. "Will you follow my Son Rabbi Yeshua?"

The three beautiful plants now live in Heaven where they display the glory of their Loving Gardener for all Eternity. They live happily ever after.

What will you do little wounded plants?  
Will you keep your eyes on Yeshua?