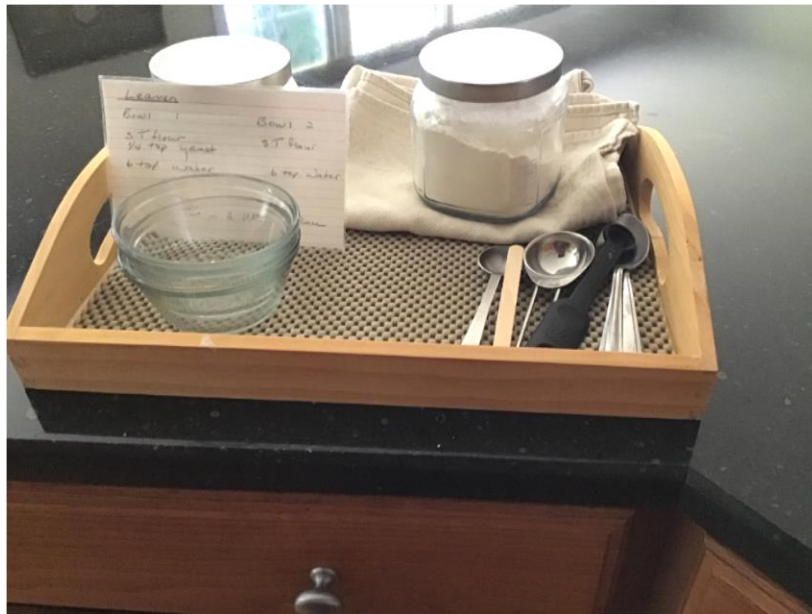


The kingdom of Heaven and the Leaven

Matthew 13:33



Jesus told them another parable.

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast



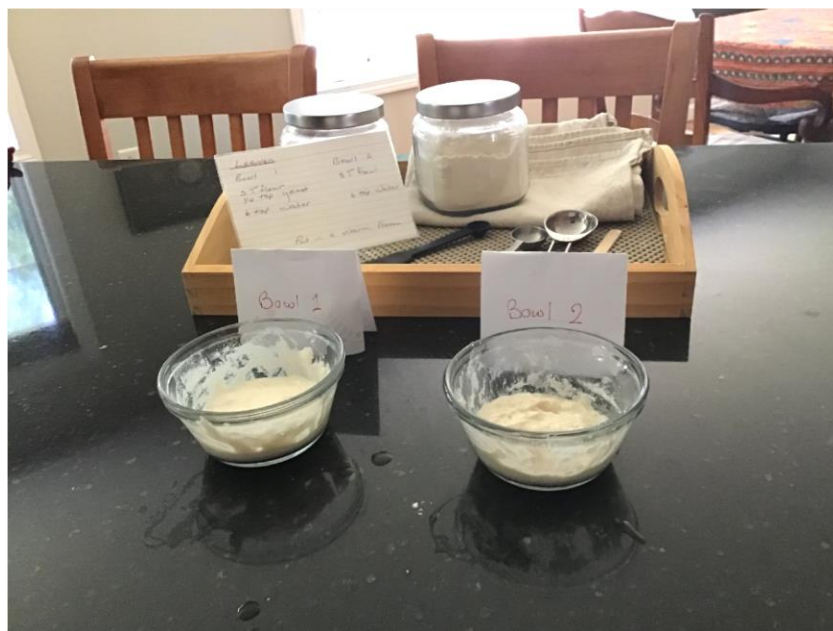
a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour



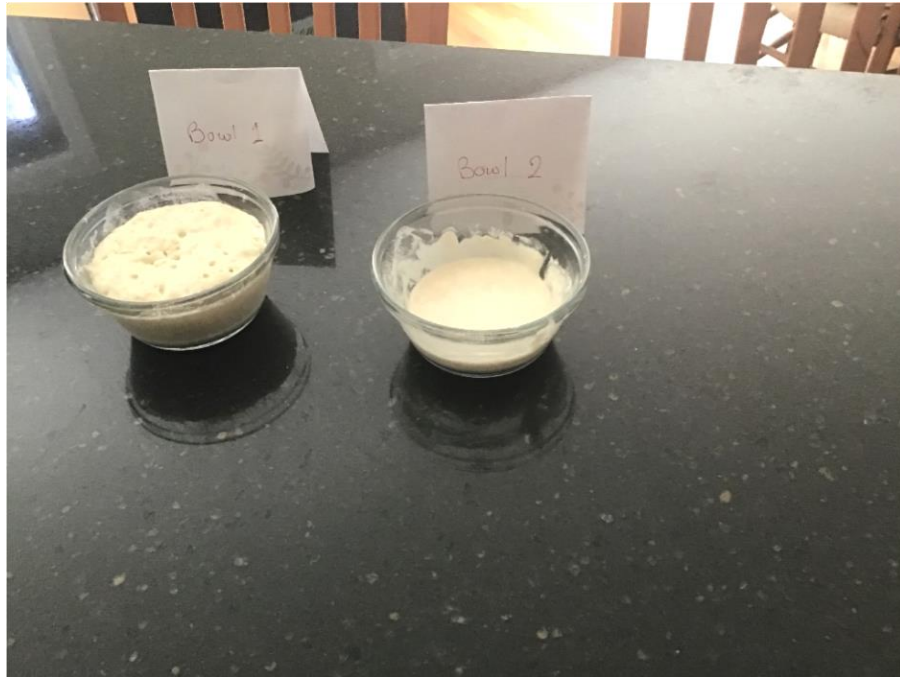
until it was leavened all through.”



So let's have one bowl with yeast and one bowl without yeast. And let's put them aside to rest and see what happens!



And then...



Remember how the yeast smells? Can you see in the picture how tiny the grains of yeast are? They remind me of the mustard seeds. And we don't put very much yeast in the flour, do we?

Remember what happens when we mix the yeast all through the flour? Can we still see it? We can't, but we know it is there.

And what happens in the two bowls after they have rested for a while? The one with the yeast grew! And got full of bubbles and new life!

Did we do anything to them while they were resting? How did that happen? We helped it happen by putting it aside in a warm place, but we can't make it grow. It is a mystery!

I wonder why Jesus chose this story to talk about the Kingdom of Heaven? What are some ways we might help the Kingdom of Heaven grow?