

Unlocking The Greatness Within

Part 2: Germination

Mark 4:3-9 \3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. 5 Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. 7 And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred." 9 And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Mark 4:13 \ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"

Jesus told us in this verse that the key to experiencing God's best was to understand the truth found in this parable.

The First word "Understand" (oidate) = "intuitively comprehend" its meaning

Second Word Understand (gnosethe) = "to comprehend by experience" any of the kingdom parables.

The truth we must comprehend and embrace if we want to EXPERIENCE is the potential and priority of the Word.

Mark 4:14 \ The sower soweth the word.

Mark 4:13-20 \ 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? 14 The sower soweth the word. 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise

which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

Key Thing About This Parable:

It involves sowing and reaping

In order to receive the Harvest of the Word you must allow the Word to be sown into you and you must allow the process of reaping to take affect.

Reaping is not instant but a process that takes time!

Mark 4:26,28-29 \ "He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

Reaping is a process!

Heb 6:11-12 \ 11 We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, in order to make your hope sure. 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Don't drag your feet. Be like those who stay the course with committed faith and then get everything promised to them.

Recognize that life and the enemy will do everything possible to discourage you to stop believing/pursuing/sowing by presenting delays.

We need to understand that these delays are absolute enemies.

Mark 4:15-19 \ 15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful...

Enemies of the Harvest:

#1- Verse 15 (Satan)

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Satan will attach your life with bad things to ultimately rob the word from your life.

That attack of the enemy is to get you to stop embracing and chasing the Word. He's out to get you to doubt.

1 Peter 5:8-9 \ 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith,

Stedfast = strong, sure, fixed, immoveable

How do we resist him fixed and immoveable?

Heb 10:23 - "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)"

Don't let go of your promise!

Enemies of the Harvest:

#2- Verse 16-17 (Emotions)

16-17 - And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

Emotions can be a very valuable tool to compel and motivate you forward but they can also be detrimental and demotivate you to defeat.

We must take time to allow the Word to sink down into our hearts beyond our emotion.

Josh 1:8 - This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Enemies of the Harvest:

#3 V18-19 (Worry, Misplaced Trust & Rebellion)

Mark 4:18-19 - 18 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful...

a. Worry – Worry is a down payment on trouble that has yet to show up yet. **Fear of the "what ifs" will challenge your resolve to move forward.**

Prov 24:16 - For a righteous man falls seven times and rises again

Falling down is nothing more than an opportunity to get back up.

b. deceitfulness of riches – deceitfulness = that which gives a false impression, whether by appearance, statement or influence, **Misplaced trust in money can cause us to back away from the continual sowing of the word in our lives.**

1 Tim 6:17 - Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy

This is not saying that God does not want us rich. It's just saying that we should not let our security be in any form of financial income.

Psalms 121:1-2 - "I look up to the mountains— does my help come from there? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

Psalms 20:7 - "Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God."

When we put our trust in doing God's Word instead of finances we can continue to receive and act on God's Word and see results.

Enemies of the Harvest:

#4-V:18-19 (Lust of Other Things)

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How many times have we received a Word that compelled us to move forward but walked away due to not wanting to give up something

Matt 16:24-25 - 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

One of the biggest enemies you'll face on the way to the provision of God is yourself!

1 Peter 5:5-7 – 5...God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Gal 6:7-9 - 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

If we stay after it, we will see results!

Mark 4:13-15 - 13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word...20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

God desires to sow the Word into your life so that you let it sink deep down into your heart and produce a response of chasing after who He says you are and what He says you can do!