

Sure Foundation

Parable of Blade, Ear and Corn

Lesson 1

I. Mark 4:26-29

- A. Mark 4:13 – “And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?”
 - 1. This is the key to unlocking the truths of God’s Word.

- B. Mark 4:26-29 – “And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground. And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is

brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.”

- C. Comparison of how the kingdom of God works and how a seed works
 - 1. The seed symbolizes the Word of God.
 - 2. Mark 4:14 – “The sower soweth the Word.”
 - 3. He referenced a seed because it’s a natural law, not a man-made system. The whole universe operates off of seeds.
 - 4. You need to see the importance, integrity, and value of the Word.
- D. The kingdom of God works off of the Word.
 - 1. What seeds have you sown to get your desired harvest?
- E. We expect change but live carnally and don’t take the Word seriously.
 - 1. Proverbs 4:20-24 – “...they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”

2. Don't wait until it's too late to make changes.
- F. Mark 4:27-28 – There's a law to seed, time, and harvest.
1. Time can become your friend.
 2. You can't wait until the night before harvest to plant your seed.
 - a. Sow the Word of God in your heart and leave it there. Don't dig up your seed.
 3. Once you allow time to elapse, you've built up momentum, and the benefits are forever.
- G. You don't even have to understand...it just works.
- H. Mark 4:28 – "... bringeth forth fruit of herself." The Greek word for "of herself" is "automatos." It means self-moved or automatic.
1. The seed draws from the ground to produce fruit.
 2. Our hearts are the "ground" and will produce from the seeds that we sow into it.

3. Romans 8:6 – “For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”
4. John 6:63 – “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
5. Proverbs 23:7 – “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.”
 - a. Your life is what you thought.
6. I Peter 1:23 – “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.”
 - a. The Word of God is incorruptible. If you aren’t experiencing victory in your life, it is not the Word that has failed, it is the fact that we have let something else be planted in our life other than the Word of God.

- b. Proverbs 4:20-22 – “My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.”
 - c. Psalm 107:20 – “He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.”
- I. It’s effortless.
- 1. Apple trees don’t struggle to produce fruit.
 - 2. The only reason change is a terrible experience is because of the way we go about trying to get the change.
 - 3. Change comes by sowing the Word in your heart.
 - 4. Joshua 1:8 – “...thou shalt meditate therein day and night.”

- J. Mark 4:29 – “But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.”
1. Romans 12:2 – “... but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.”
 2. It takes time for the Word of God to spring up and start working in your life. But, it’s the nature of the Word to produce change. Your labor will be rewarded!
 3. You can’t go out every day to see if your seed is growing.
 4. Harvest comes when we use the millions of seeds God gave us.
 5. Ask God to make you usable.

II. Mark 4:35-41

“And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a

great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

- A. Jesus taught fourteen parables on the same day on the importance of the Word.
- B. He gave them a specific word. "Let us pass over unto the other side."
- C. The disciples should have taken his teachings and applied them.
- D. He gave them a pop quiz; they failed.