

Foundations for the Future



Parable of the Sower

MARK 4:3-20



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A parable is an extended analogy used to convince and persuade.

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How Parables Work

- Stir the imagination
- Use indirect communication
- Invite further learning through puzzles
- Always have a context that determines meaning



Mark 4:3-8 NIV

“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.”



Mark 4:14-20 NIV

“The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”



Seed

Word of God

Soils

Hearts of those who hear



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The Hardened Heart

Mark 4:15 NIV

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The Shallow Heart

Mark 4:16-17 NIV

“Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.”





The Distracted Heart

Mark 4:18-19 NIV

“Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;
¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth
and the desires for other things come in and choke the
word, making it unfruitful.”





The Fruitful Heart

Mark 4:20 NIV

“Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”



The condition of our heart
determines the fruitfulness of our future.



Which soil best represents you?



Which soil best represents our church?



Our Past

Our Present

Our Future



Our Past.....Known Multiplier

Our Present.....Implementing Expansion

Our Future.....Scaling Our Reach





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Vision

To change the heart and soul of
Northwest Arkansas and the world



Mission

To produce and release spiritual leaders who know and express the authentic Christ to Northwest Arkansas and the world

