“The Kingdom is Here”

Luke 13:18-19 NIV
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<u>All you need is one seed</u>

Show mustard seed

Luke 8:11 NIV 11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 NLT 12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

Matthew 13:3-7 NLT 3 He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. 5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants.

Matthew 13:18-22 NLT 18 “Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: 19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their

hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 21 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

Matthew 13:8 NLT 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!

Luke 8:15 NLT 15 And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

<u>The kingdom is heart</u>

Proverbs 4:23 NIV
23 Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it.

<u>Your heart is the prize</u>

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1 Corinthians 4:5 NLT
5 So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets

to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

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Revelation 22:1-2 NLT
1 Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations.

Psalm 1:3 NLT
They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.
Their leaves never wither,
and they prosper in all they do.

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