Luke 8:4-8 NLT **4 One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: 5 "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he *scattered* it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. 6 Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."**

Mark 4:26-29 NLT **26 Jesus also said, "The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. 27 Night and day, while he's asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. 28 The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. 29 And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come."**

"The Kingdom is Here"

<u>The kingdom is hear</u>

Proverbs 2:1-2 NLT"My child, listen to what I say, and treasure my commands. Tune your ears to wisdom, and concentrate on understanding.

Proverbs 8:34 NLT **34 *Joyful* are those who listen to me, watching for me daily at my gates, waiting for me outside my home!**

Psalm 85:8 NLT 8 I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks *peace* to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways.

Luke 5:15 NLT
15 But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases.

John 10:27 NKJV
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Matthew 11:12 NKJV And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven (on this earth) suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 14:22-24 NKJV 22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

Matthew 14:24 NLT 24 Meanwhile, the disciples were in trouble far away from land, for a strong wind had risen, and they were fighting heavy waves.

Matthew 14:25-26 NKJV Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear.

Matthew 14:27 NKJV 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

Matthew 14:28-29 NKJV 28 And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”29 So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

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Luke 8:5a NKJV “A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field…