





FARMER FATHER



GOSPEL OF
MARK
4:1-20

Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.



And he was teaching them
many things in parables, and in
his teaching he said to them:



“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.”



FIRST CENTURY FARMING

*Listen! A **sower** went out to **sow**.*



“Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil.”



“And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.”



“Other seed fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and
choked it, and it yielded no
grain.”



“And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”



And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.



And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables,"



The Secret of The Kingdom of God



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“So that...



“So that...they may indeed see
but not perceive, And may
indeed hear but not understand,

Lest they should turn and be
forgiven.”





WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Mark 4:9



WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

A photograph of Jesus with long brown hair and a beard, wearing a tan robe and a blue sash, pointing his right hand towards a large, diverse crowd of people in a field. The crowd consists of men, women, and children of various ethnicities, all looking towards Jesus. The background shows trees and a slightly overcast sky.

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A VERY LARGE CROWD GATHERED
EVERYONE ELSE



And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?"



“The sower sows the word.”





SATAN STEALS THE WORD

And these are the ones **along the path**, where the word is sown: when they hear, **Satan** immediately comes and **takes away the word** that is sown in them.





TRIALS BURN THE WORD

"And they have **no root in themselves**, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises **on account of the word**, immediately they **fall away**."



A close-up photograph of green, thorny branches, likely from a cactus or succulent, filling the left side of the image. The branches are covered in sharp, pointed thorns and are set against a dark, blurred background.

IDOLS CHOKES THE WORD

"They are those who hear the word, but the **cares of this world**, and the **deceitfulness of riches**, and the **desires for other things** enter in and **choke the word**, and it proves unfruitful."





GOOD SOIL GROWS THE WORD

“But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who **hear the word** and **accept it** and **bear fruit**, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”





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A person wearing a red and white plaid shirt is shown from the side, reaching out with their hand to touch the heads of wheat in a field. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with the background slightly blurred. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

PREPARE THE SOIL

Invest In Their Hearts

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THE AFFLICTED CHILD
PREPARE WITH PRAYER

Prepare
THE SOIL

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail.”

Luke 22:31-32



THE AFFLICTED CHILD
PREPARE WITH PRAYER
THE WAVERING CHILD
PREPARE WITH GRACE

Prepare
THE SOIL

Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Colossians 3:13

A photograph of a man with grey hair and a beard, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, embracing a child from behind. The child is wearing a grey sweater and has their face buried in the man's chest. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with warm lighting.

THE AFFLICTED CHILD
PREPARE WITH PRAYER

THE WAVERING CHILD
PREPARE WITH GRACE

THE DISTRACTED CHILD
PREPARE WITH PASSION

Prepare
THE SOIL

You make known to me the path
of life;

In your presence there is fullness
of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Psalm 16:11

A person wearing a red and white plaid shirt is holding the hand of a child in a field of golden wheat. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Give Them To God

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