





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:

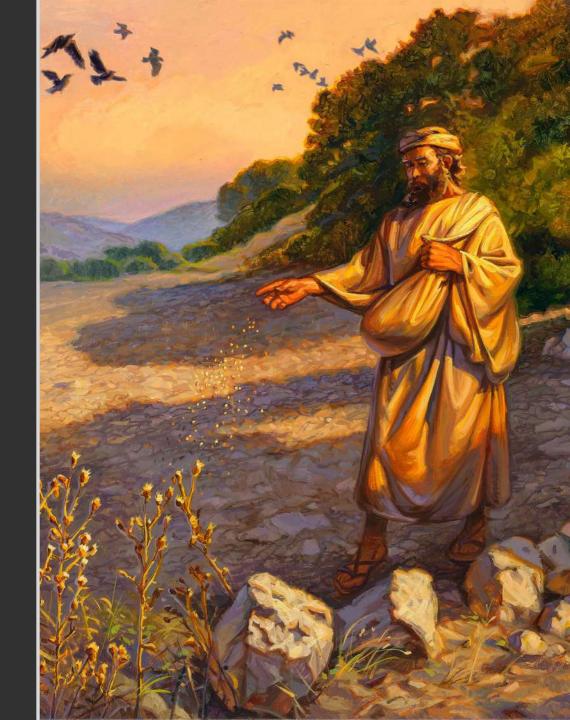


"Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it."



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."











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**."





IDOLS CHOKE 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 GROSS 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."







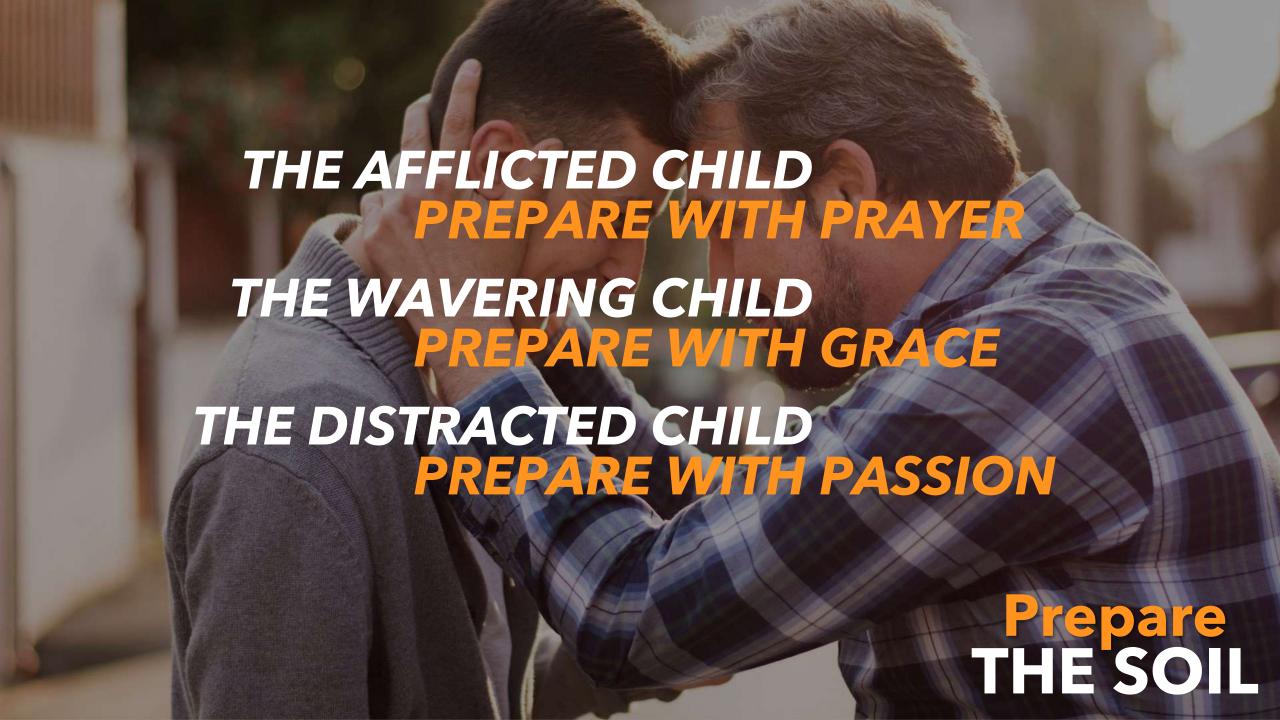
"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail."

Luke 22:31-32



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



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





