

Sermon Notes

Like a Seed - Mark 4:26-27

August 16, 2020

I. Introduction

- a. faith is a fight... defeating enemies requires weapons, violence... mouth is trigger that fires ammo... releases power and authority over enemy...
Matt 11:12... **“kingdom has been suffering... violent seize it by force...”**
basileia... *not confused with actual kingdom; power, authority, right to rule...*
1Tim 6:12... **“fight good fight of faith... take hold (seize) of life... confess it...”**
homologeō... *say the same thing as; not refuse or deny; declare openly, speak freely...*
- b. good fight is one you win... must live in meditation to succeed...
Gen 26:1-14... **“famine... don’t go to Egypt, live in Gerar... very prosperous...”**
gerar... *ruminant; chewing the cud...*
- c. need specific ammo for specific enemies... what if sickness is attacking...
Lev 1:5-9... **“slaughter bull... sprinkle blood... wash internal organs and legs...”**
Deut 14:21... **“do not eat anything dead... may give to foreigner or stranger...”**
Exo 1:19... **“Hebrew women not like Egyptian... have babies quickly...”**
Psa 103... **“do not forget His benefits... forgives all sin... heals all disease...”**
Matt 8:2-3... **“if you are willing... I am willing, be healed...”**
Luke 6:19... **“power was coming out of Him... healing them all...”**
- d. got to plant seeds to get results... harvest or miracle... **pray**...
Mark 4:20... **“hear, receive God’s Word... produce harvest 30, 60, 100-fold...”**
Mark 11:23-24... **“pray... believe you’ve received... it will be yours...”**

II. Like a Seed

- a. when we plant seeds... we have hope of a harvest...
Psa 71... **“you are my hope and confidence... I will hope continually...”**
Psa 119... **“never take the word from my mouth... I put hope in your word...”**
Psa 130... **“I wait for the Lord... I wait and put my hope in His word...”**
Rom 15:4... **“we have hope thru the encouragement of the Scriptures...”**
- b. all things being equal... farmers say best harvest is produced by best seed...
Luke 8:11... **“the seed is God’s Word...”**
1Pet 1... **“born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible... thru Word...”**
- c. good seed is critical... but so is the soil it is planted in... soil produces fruit...
Word is perfect seed... never fails... is your heart open to receive it...
Mark 4:28... **“the soil produces a crop... blade, head, then full grain...”**
Luke 8... **“seed along path... devil comes and steals... so they may not believe and be saved (healed, rescued, delivered)... seed in good ground is those who hear with good and honest heart... cling to it... patiently produce a huge harvest...”**

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- d. four types of soils (**hearts**)... not about salvation... about results...
Luke 8:11-12... **“seeds along path are those who have heard... devil comes and steals word from their hearts... so they may not believe and be saved...”**
Luke 8:13... **“seeds on the rock are those who, when they hear... welcome word with joy... but having no root... believe for awhile... depart in time of testing...”**
Luke 8:14... **“seed fell among thorns... hear word... go on their way... choked with worries, riches, pleasures... produce no mature fruit...”**
Luke 8:15... **“seed in good ground... good and honest heart... hold tightly to it... by enduring, produce fruit... 30, 60, 100 times what was sown...”**
- e. how much seed does it take to produce a harvest... 10 chapters... 10 books... more effective to be accurate with one shot of proper ammo than just *spray and pray*... single seed of corn can produce plant with over 600 kernels per ear...
Matt 8:17... **“He Himself took our sicknesses and removed our diseases...”**
Phil 4:19... **“my God shall supply all my needs... in Christ...”**
pleroō... *order, promise, requirement, obligation; nothing shall be wanting; complete...*
- f. meditation produces prosperity and success... saying and doing... not just reading and hearing... can’t meditate on 5 chapters... can on 5 verses...

Some people like to read so many chapters every day. I would not dissuade them from this practice... but I would rather lay my soul asoak in half a dozen verses all day than rinse my hand in several chapters. Oh, to be bathed in a text of Scripture fill it saturates your heart. Charles Spurgeon

- g. how do I know which seed to plant and where do I find it (**blb.org**)... ready for revelation... *secrets of power and authority have been given to you, it’s like this, take word, plant in your heart, rest, it will grow and produce results...*
Matt 13... **“secrets of kingdom have been given to you...”**
Mark 4:26-27... **“kingdom of God is like this... a man scatters seed on soil... sleeps and rises... seeds sprouts and grows... he does not know how...”**
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- h. in all of what we’ve talked about... trees, cows, bullets, seeds... do you know what most common question is... *how long will it take*... farmer can guess... sees crop making progress... doesn’t quit and pull it up before its complete...
Gen 26... **“lived in Gerar... began to prosper... prospering... very prosperous...”**
Mark 4... **“soil produces crop... blade... head... ripe grain... harvest has come...”**
Luke 8:15... **“hear God’s word... hold it fast... bear fruit with patience...”**
- i. we reap what we sow... can’t plant corn and get beans and carrots... can’t plant death and get life... harvest is determined by what you plant...
Job 3:25... **“thing I greatly feared has come... what I dreaded has happened...”**
Prov 18:21... **“words kill, words give life... poison or fruit... you choose...”**
Rom 8:6-11... **“carnal mind is death... spiritual mind is life and peace...”**
Gal 6:8... **“sow to the flesh, reap death... sow to the Spirit, reap life...”**
- j. God has given us everything we need to prosper... choice is ours... must plant specific seed... **meditate daily** until it produces its full harvest... **pray**...
Deut 30:19... **“have given you choice... life and death... blessing and curse...”**
Mark 4:24 **AMP**... **“be careful what you hear... measure of thought you give to the truth will be the measure that comes back to you... and more besides...”**

Sow Where You Want a Harvest

Gen 26:12... *Isaac sowed in that land... reaped a hundredfold...*

When you sow apple seeds... you get apples. When you sow seeds of friendship... you get friends. If... in the natural... you receive in the areas in which you sow... how much more will you receive in the supernatural when God blesses you!!

The Bible tells us that when Isaac **sowed** in the land... he **reaped** a hundredfold... even though there was a famine in that land. Why, because *the Lord blessed him*. **Gen 26:1**.

If you are believing God for a breakthrough in a particular area... sow in that area. As you sow in that area... expect God to do *exceedingly more abundantly than all you ask or think*. **Eph 3:20**.

Whatever money or time you give to the Lord... He will multiply it back to you. For example... you have 24 hours in a day... just like everyone else... but the Lord can make your day very fruitful. Believe me... He has done it for me time and time again. And, even after doing all that needs to be done... you will find that you still have time left over to rest... to play... to be with your family.

Even when you have nothing to give but your prayers... your prayers will not return to you void. *My word that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty... but it will accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do*. **Isa 55:11**. God will answer your prayers and make them prosper.

When Job lost everything he possessed... he prayed for his friends... and the Lord not only restored his losses... but *He also gave Job twice as much as he had before*. **Job 42:10**.

Start sowing seeds in the area you are believing God for... and know that before long... you will be reaping your harvest. *There was a famine in the land... dwell in Gerar (meditation)... Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold and the Lord blessed him... he began to prosper... continued prospering... until he became very prosperous*. **Gen 26:1-14**.

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Sermon Study

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1. Read **Matt 11:12** and **1Tim 6:12**. How has **faith** been a **fight** for you? How can you **win and prosper**? Read **Gen 26:1-14**.
2. When we plant a seed... what should we **place our hope** on? Read **Psa 71:5-14... Psa 119:43, 49, 74, 81, 147... Psa 130:5... Rom 15:4**.
3. Read **Luke 8:11** and **1Pet 1:23**. If the **seed is perfect**, why does it sometimes not produce a harvest? Does the **seed or soil** produce the harvest? Read **Mark 4:28** and **Luke 8:11-15**. Is your soil ready?
4. Read **Luke 8:11-15**. Which type of soil best **describes your heart**?
5. Read **Matt 13:11** and **Mark 4:26-27**. The word **kingdom** means **power and authority**. Rewrite Mark 4:26-27 in your own words. **What** are the secrets of power and authority? How do they come?
6. Read **Job 3:25... Prov 18:21... Rom 8:6-11... Gal 6:8**. Your harvest is **determined** by what **seeds** you **plant**. What are you planting?
7. What verses are you **currently meditating** on? List them here.

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