

Introduction:

- I want to give us a reminder tonight of something very basic but very essential to the body of Christ and to each of us as believers: that is we must always be people of the Word.
- The Word works for those who work the Word! We must be always practicing, working the Word. Read it, receive it, believe it and produce!
- Let's begin with Mark 4:3 and 4:14.
 - *"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow."* (Mark 4:3, ESV)
 - *"The sower sows the word."* (Mark 4:14, ESV)

I. The Sower Sows The Word**A. What are you sowing into your life?**

1. Growth plan - people who plan to grow, grow like crazy! They are the believers who see the most growth in themselves in any given year. I.e. *"Blessed is he who aims at nothing for he shall surely hit it."* Herman Cowger.
2. If you are not sowing the Word into your life you are not inviting Jesus to live through you. If you are not sowing the Word into your life you are not allowing Jesus to live BIG through you.
 - a) Jesus is the Word. John 1:1,14 *In the beginning was the Word,¹⁴ and the Word became flesh.*
 - b) The Word is filled with potential. I.e. Just like a seed is filled with potential the Word of God is filled with potential. The seed does not just produce another seed. It produces fruit and multiple seeds.
 - c) When you sow the Word into your life you are inviting Jesus in; in fuller measure. Salvation is just the starting point! (It is a big one! But still a starting point.). There is more life in the branch to draw from! When you sow the Word into your life, you are letting Jesus live in you in a big way!
3. If you are not sowing the Word into your life then count on every kind of weed seed to spring up.

B. The Sower sows the seed.

1. The parable or story is of a farmer sowing seed. Jesus was using what they already understood about farming to teach them something that they did not know about the kingdom.
2. What does it mean to sow the seed or scatter seed on the soil? It means that through teaching, talking or reading the Word someone is hearing it.
3. The sower sows the Word.
4. The farmer is not the main point of the parable. The seed is not the main point of the parable. Nor is the method of sowing the main point of the parable.

C. The main point of the parable is the soil or the heart on which the word of God falls.

1. Path - this is the trampled down soil. It is hard and the seed does not take root in

it. This speaks of the hard heart. A heart that is not receptive to the Word. Make sure you never have a hard heart to the Word. *"They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts."* (Zechariah 7:12, ESV).

2. Rock soil - It is not as hard as the path but there is not much soil for the plant to grow in. Its roots are shallow because of the rocks and when the sun comes out it withers. It has no root. The Word is unable to establish roots in a persons life therefore when trials come this person withers because the heart is filled with unbelief.
3. Weedy soil - This soil are those who receive the word with joy but do not care for it. Therefore weeds grow up in their heart and choke the word out. Note: The soil is good and the seeds springs up fast but other things choke it out. The Word is not valued as much as other things and other things choke it out or keep it from being affective.
4. Good Soil - is the heart that receives the Word and believes it. The Word like a seed is filled with life! John 6:63 My Words are Spirit and life. Hebrews 4:12 Living and active.
5. The seed was the same in all four soils but the condition of soil was different.

II. Sowing For Return

- A. Sow according to desired return.
 1. In a crusade we preach for souls using scriptures aimed at salvation.
 2. In a marriage conference you preach to couples using scripture that strengthen bonds of marriage.
 3. In an end time seminar you preach end time scriptures using scriptures that speak to end times.
- B. If you want to experience healing and walk in divine health you focus on healing scriptures. When you focus on specific scriptures you are sowing that word into your heart. When you tend that seed, you pull weeds, remove rocks, water, break up soil around the new plants. That is a picture of the heart of a man working the word. The seed has all kinds of potential in it.
 1. *"He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction."* (Psalm 107:20, ESV)
 - a) *"so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:11, ESV)
 - b) *"Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.""* (Jeremiah 1:12, ESV)
 2. *"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the*

*Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who **forgives** all your iniquity, who **heals** all your diseases, who **redeems** your life from the pit, who **crowns** you with steadfast love and mercy, who **satisfies you with good** so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's." (Psalm 103:1-5, ESV) Benefits of covenant.*

3. *"He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24, ESV). Is 53:5*
 4. *"Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, **"If You are willing, You can make me clean."** Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, **"I am willing; be cleansed."**" (Mark 1:40-41, NKJV)*
 5. *"And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; **your faith has made you well. Go in peace.**" (Luke 8:48, NKJV)*
 6. *"Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you."" (Matthew 9:29, NKJV)*
 7. *"When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick," (Matthew 8:16, NKJV) Matthew 4:24; 12:15;*
- C. What is my response if I do not get healed?
1. Believe that God paid it all at Calvary. By His stripes you were healed. If you are not healed...don't quit.
 2. Don't quit. Do not get into unbelief. Don't have pity party. Pity parties are devils renting space in your head. Don't give them a room. Keep your eyes on Jesus.
 3. *"Don't be afraid!"* To Jairus.
 - a) Fear that God is too late and this is now impossible.
 - b) Words sow doubts and words sow faith. Choose what you sow in your field.
 4. Recognize that the problem is not with God.
 5. Ask, What has to happen in me to have grace released for healing.
 6. In private Jesus put it back on the disciples not the father with demonized son. Matthew 17:19-20
 - a) vs 17 Jesus called them a twisted generation, bent away from God.
 - b) Your unbelief
 - c) Your faithlessness
 - d) Seek him for direction and for increase of anointing to heal or receive your healing.

Conclusion:

- *"Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her." (Luke 1:38, NKJV)*
 - The angel left when Mary was in faith. His job was finished.
 - Let it be –according to the Word!