

Summer in the Secret Place

Hiding For or Hiding From?

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Mark 4:13–25 (NIV84)

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? 14 The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. 20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." 21 He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? 22 For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." 24 "Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. 25 Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

If I am a Spiritual Being, having a Human Experience, I need Spiritual Food to fuel my life.

If parables are the stories, which unlock the understanding of the kingdom of God, then the parable of the sower is the key to unlock all of the other parables. If you understand this parable, you have the proper tools to receive every other benefit of the kingdom of God.

Farmer = God

Birds = Satan

Seed = Word of God

Heart = Soil

Path = People who casually hear the word

Rocky = People who receive but have no root

Thorns = People who receive but have not maturity

Cares (Stress)

Riches (Priorities)

Pleasures (Distractions)

Good Soil = People who receive, mature and produce fruit for the Kingdom

Stage One- Receive the word

Stage Two- Let it develop roots internally by meditation/contemplation.

Stage Three- Nurture the operation of the Word above everything else in life.

Stage Four- Go Public (Be Mature and Be Fruitful)

Church Announcements:

1. **Water Baptism, July 15.** Take the next step in your Christian walk. Talk with Pastor Daniel McKee or stop by the church office to get your name on the Water Baptism list. A Baptism run-through will be held on Monday, July 9th at 7 PM. You will be able to ask questions and share your testimony at that time.
2. **Mega Sports Camp, July 16-20.** LightHouse is hosting this event from July 16th – 20th from 8:45AM to 12 NOON. Register early for the best price, there is limited space and camp will sell out fast. Price increases as we get closer to camp. Check website for details. Register your child (K-8th grade, ages 5-13) to participate, or yourself as a volunteer at www.megasportsglo.com (students 8th through 12th grade are approved as Volunteers on an individual basis).
3. **MEGA AWARDS DAY.** Sunday, July 22nd at 10AM, is Mega Awards Day where you get to see what our kids have learned all week at Mega Sports Camp.