

It Takes More Than Just Seed

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Mark 4: 3-9

I am praying this devotional changes your life.

I believe God is speaking to His church, "I have something to say to you." Otherwise I wouldn't be writing this.

In the course of writing, I have labored, asking Him to be the One to speak to you in your deepest insides. We need to hear His voice, His heart. We need to hear His Word.

Even if this were the greatest devotional in the world, it wouldn't matter if its words don't fall on good soil. The literal, perfect Word of God itself requires a receptive heart. Consider the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4). Let me paraphrase Jesus' explanation of that story for you:

The perfect seed of God's Word is sown. There are four results.

1. Some hear the Word, but then Satan snatches the seed away.
2. Some receive the Word with joy, but it doesn't last. It was just a fad.
3. Some receive the Word and start to grow, but they get choked by the worries of this world, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desire for other things.
4. Some receive the Word, and it changes everything. They bear massive fruit.

If this seed is going to bear fruit in your life, there are conditions in your soil that must be met.

1. You need to be able to seek out and receive God's messages – not mine.
2. You need to avoid quick excitement and focus on long-term commitment.
3. You need to get rid of distractions that will choke out what God is saying.

This devotional is a catalyst. The real transformation must come as you pray and spend time with God about these things!

Now, this little booklet is not perfect. However, it is built on God's Word. I know His Word has power to change your life – no matter who you are. In fact, I don't know how anyone, including myself, could prayerfully go through these 40 days and not be impacted in a significant way. That is because of Him, not me.

It is up to us to resolve to be hungry, diligent, quiet, prayerful, honest, and faithful.

Ultimately, there should be two reasons why you would take the time to go through this 40-day journey.

1. You want your life to count.
2. You want to hear from God and be personally renewed.

Additionally, you must be willing to work hard, pray hard, and carefully consider the messages in the following pages.



Lord, I do want my life to count. I do want to hear from You. Let Your words land on good soil. Do a new work in my life. Change me on the inside. Give me new hope, new zeal, new fire. In these days bring revival into my heart. Renew my life according to your Word. Glorify Yourself in my life. In Jesus' Name!