

Mark 4

Thoughts from Deacon Adam

Jesus tells a foundational parable about planting seeds, one that provides the context through which to understand all of His parables. When the disciples spend time alone with Him, then He explains the mysteries of God. Do we want to spend time alone with Jesus, learning to hear Him speaking to us? He is always speaking, for any who will listen. His voice often sounds like our own thoughts, but it always brings the fruits of the Spirit, love, joy, peace, and patience.



While situations, circumstances, and symptoms so often influence us, Jesus showed us how to live so deeply under the influence of the Holy Spirit, that the situations, circumstances, and symptoms begin to change around us. A great preacher once said, “The reason why Jesus could calm the storm on the outside is because there was no storm on the inside.” We grow from the inside out, or else not at all. How close to God do we want to be?

What captivates us? Where is our attention? Who do we listen to the most? That is what influences our thoughts, feelings, and relationships, more and more. Whatever we get into, gets into us. Whatever we focus on, we empower in our lives. We become what we behold (Mark 4:24).