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Jesus spoke in parables using real life images [examples] that the people could relate to. One very well known one is the parable of the sower and the seed which is found in Mark 4:3-20. The seed was sown on the wayside, the stony ground, among thorns and thistles, and upon good ground with varying results.

Mark 4:13 identifies the seed as the word of God. But my question is this: who is the sower of the word? The sower is every born-again believer. Jesus made it clear that we are to spread [sow] the seed of God's word. We are to share our spiritual experience with others.

In Matthew 28:19, the Great Commission is given. It says, "Go ye therefore..." and it applies to all of us. We are to testify wherever we may be. That is how the seed is sown [planted].

The results of the sown seed of God's word are not up to us. Some will receive it, and some will not. The Holy Spirit is the one who draws the person to God. We follow the prompting in our spirit to witness, and the Holy Spirit waters that seed.

Jesus said the field [lost souls] is ripe unto harvest [for salvation], but the workers are few. You, the seed sower, are the worker that Jesus is counting on. There can be no harvest where no seed has been sown.

You, the seed sower, are God's farmer. You sow the seed, and sometimes you cultivate the sprouted seed. God might even use you to harvest some souls. But you must be willing to be that harvester. You must act upon his call. It does not "just happen" without your cooperation.

Be a willing and eager seed sower for God's kingdom.