

Introduction: The Tale of Two Sons, Joseph, You, and Me

Review: Our commitment to God's Word reveals our commitment to the Lord – Mark 4:1-20

The Question: How can we “Enrich the Soil” of our hearts to grow spiritually?

The Answer: Mark 4:21 – 5:43

I. Jesus Answers with 4 Parables – Mark 4:21-34

1. **The Lamp** → The Truth → The Purpose → Reveal/Expose
2. **The Measure** → Our Response → The Practice → Use It or Lose It
3. **The Mysterious Seed** → The Process → Normal, Supernatural, Fruitful
4. **The Mustard Seed** → The Product → Starts Small – Grows Large

II. Jesus Answers with 4 Impossible Situations – Mark 4:35-5:43

1. **A Drowning Fisherman**
2. **A Demonized Maniac**
3. **A Bleeding Woman**
4. **A Desperate Father**

Application / Discussion Questions:

1. Where does God want you to expect He will “show up” in your life and have you acted (faith) as if He will?
2. What major lesson did you learn from the 4 parables? The 4 events?
3. In what seemingly impossible situation or relationship does God want you to trust Him? What will trusting Him look like this week?
4. How will your intake of God's Word this week give you the faith you need? (see Romans 10:17 and 2 Peter 1:3-4)