

Alright, so let's turn over to Mark chapter 4, And I am going to start teaching on the integrity of God's Word. I'm sure that all of you here have heard some of my teaching, and are aware of some of the things that I teach. Really the heart and the soul of what God has taught me is what I call spirit, soul, and body, other people would call it your identity in Christ, in Him realities. There's all kinds of ways of referring to it. But, before I could teach on those things, if you don't value, if you don't put the proper value on the Word of God, if you don't understand the power that is in the Word of God, well then, everything I want to teach you is really useless. Because my revelation and everything I do is through the Word of God and unless you put the same value on the Word of God that I do, it's not going to have the impact on you that it should. So, I'm starting to teach about the integrity of God's Word. And in Mark chapter 4, are two of the most important parables that the Lord ever revealed to me. Matter of fact, Mark chapter 4, in the first 20 verses, Jesus said about this, that if you don't understand this parable... This is up in Mark chapter 4, and in verse 13, "He said unto them know you not this parable and how then will you know all parables?" If you look in Matthew chapter 13, it's the same parable over there it's said just a little bit differently, but it's basically saying that if you don't understand the principles that are in this parable, you won't understand any of the things that He teaches. That's a huge statement. In other words, this is the key to unlocking the truths of God's Word. That's how important these parables are. This ought to be one of the most important things that God has ever spoken to you. This is just powerful! These are things I use every single day of my life. So, I am going to come back to this teaching on Mark 14 and the interpretation that was given in verses 14... Or excuse me, Mark chapter 4, verses 14 through 20. But I want to drop down right now to Mark 4:26, and here is another parable that He gave, it is the same point that He is making just a different way of making this. In Mark 4:26 it says, "So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; and should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up he knows not how. For the earth bring forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts it in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Man, that is awesome! This is one my favorite passages of Scripture. If that doesn't light your fire, your wood's wet. This is just awesome right here! And I know some of you are thinking, "Boy, that does not do that much for me." You need to meditate on this, because this is just tremendous revelation! He is talking about seed here, but He is really talking about the Word of God. If you look in Mark 4:14 it says, "The sower soweth the Word..." This parable that He had given was about a man throwing seed and this is back in the days when they didn't dig furrows and space their seed, they just scattered their seed. And it is talking about a man that just threw his seed on four different types of ground. And it is not really a parable about how to grow crops, It is using this natural illustration, that people were very well acquainted with, to illustrate how the Kingdom of God works and it is comparing the Word of God to a seed. That is what this says, "The sower soweth the Word." This is not about how to be a farmer, it is about how the Kingdom works. And it is really significant that He compared the Word of God to a seed. You know, today in our modern world, we are...most of us, are pretty far removed from a being a farmer and dealing with seeds and things. We understand it to a degree, but it is not dominant in our life. Most of us think our vegetables come from the grocery store. But they don't grow at the grocery store. I am

not going to spend time to explain all of this, but they do grow in the ground, somebody has to plant a seed, and work the ground, and harvest it, and bring it to the grocery store. You know, that meat that you get in the store was actually an animal at one time, amen? And it is not only true of plants and animals, did you know that you were a seed? The whole universe operates off of seeds. And again, we don't think about this, but it is absolutely true, that everything in this world is a product of a seed. All of these trees that you see, every one of them was a product of seed. You are a product of a seed. Every animal, every bird, every insect was a product of a seed. Without seeds, nothing happens, and we understand this in the natural, if a person was to just you know lay down on the ground and start praying and fasting and believing for crops to grow, but they never planted a seed, you would think this person is absolutely crazy. "What's wrong with you, you don't get fruit growing by just praying over it, you have to plant a seed." And if you plant a seed, then you can pray over it and maybe increase the harvest and things like that, but you have got to plant a seed. We understand this in the natural but did you know in the spiritual realm people just do this all of the time. There are people praying for healing. What seed have you sown for healing? I have had people come up and they will say, "I am believing God for healing!" What Scripture are you standing on? And they will say, "Well, I forget if it is in the old covenant or in the new covenant, but somewhere does it say something like by his stripes we are healed someplace?" That's not how it works. That is like a woman saying, "Well, doesn't a man have to somehow or another contributor a seed? Maybe if I just stand next to him, is that close enough? If I drink the water after somebody who is pregnant, can I get pregnant?" No... I am not going to explain all of this time, I am going to assume that most of you understand what I am talking about! But I am telling you, you have to plant a seed. And we would think that a person in the natural is absolutely stupid, who is believing for a harvest and you never planted a seed. And yet how many people can't even quote a Scripture and find it, about "By His stripes we are healed." And you wonder why you are not healed? You have to have a little bit more interaction with the Word than just to say, "Doesn't it say someplace, isn't it somewhere in there?" You cannot just stand close to a man and get pregnant. You cannot just say, "Isn't it in the Bible someplace?" The Word has to come alive to you, it has to be planted in your heart. And I am amazed at how many people are believing for healing and yet you couldn't quote me a Scripture. Or you might be able to vaguely refer to it, but you couldn't find it. You got to have more interaction! There's has got to be more intercourse with the Word of God than just, "Doesn't the Bible say someplace; doesn't God want to prosper me?" Well, what Scripture do you have? What Scriptures have you been planting in your heart? You know, in my chapel service, I talked about for two years I took 100 scriptures and meditated on them and all of a sudden, boom! This revelation would come, and prosperity comes, everybody would love to have the prosperity, and everybody wants to say, "Man, I wish I could build \$70 millions worth of buildings debt-free, I wish I could do all of this." How much time have you spent in the Word? Have you meditated on the Scriptures that I've meditated on? Have you been doing what I'm doing? This is one of the problems see, that people come into the school and they see these other instructors and they see people prospering and they hear testimonies about people being raised from the dead and things, and they think, "Well man, this is great, I believe I am going to do this!" And so, they just go out, "If Barry Bennett can do it, bless

God I can do it!" And so, they just stand and believe, but you haven't spent the time in the Word, you haven't sown the Word, you haven't meditated in the Word the way he has, and when you do not see the exact same results in 24 hours you start saying, "Well, this stuff does not work." No, it works. You just have to give it time. See this parable right here, it is talking about "That the Word of God is like a seed and a man planted it in the ground and he slept and rose night and day..." Now this is important, because this is showing that it takes time. I mentioned this in the chapel, but it is seed, time, and then harvest. There is time in between seed and harvest, and there is a lot of people that think, "Well, God is God, God can just do anything He wants to, so, God I got a need, boom, I want a miracle!" There is a seed, time, and harvest. Have you planted the seed, have you given it time? It takes time. And some of you are going to see these people who are prospering and things are happening, and you are going to say, "Well, why does it not work for me just immediately?" It did not work for them immediately. It takes time. This is really important, that the Lord see chose a seed, because this is a God-created system. If He would have chosen a physical system like, let's just take school for example. It says, "The kingdom of God is like school, you got to study, you got to do that." You know what, that is a man-made system. And you can cheat in school, you can copy the answer off of somebody else's paper, you can cram for a harvest, I bet you every one of you in school, did not pay attention the way that you should have, but right before your exam you stayed up all night long, you crammed for your test and you got it in your short-term memory and you passed the test, and yet if they were to give you that test again today you would flunk it, because you did not learn it, you beat the system. You crammed for a test, but you know what you cannot cram for a harvest. You cannot wait until the night before harvest and stay up all night long and plant that seed and fertilize it and do everything and get your harvest. You just are going to miss out, you can't cheat a God system. This is the reason He compared it to a seed. There are laws that govern how seed works and one of them is, you have to plant the seed and then just sleep and rise night and day. You cannot plant it and then tomorrow go dig it up, and leave it out for 12 hours and then go plant it tomorrow night and then dig it up... you do that you will kill that seed. You are not going to get your harvest. There are some people that will take the Word of God in a crisis situation, they will believe God, and they will get serious and they will focus on God and believe, but then tomorrow, they get right back into their carnal life, they are not believing God, and then over the weekend they are going to get back into the Word and they are going to study again. You don't live by faith, you just visit there. You just vacation there every once in a while, you are not going to see a harvest. It is not going to work for you the way that it works for everybody else. You've got to plant it and you got to leave it planted, you cannot dig up your seed. You've got to commit yourself to the Word of God, and take the Word of God and sow it in your heart and get to where you do not violate it. This is one of the things that is going to happen here in school, that many of you won't even be aware of what is happening, but we are forcing you to be in the Word four hours a day. And then you will go home, and you will think about it, and did you know just by virtue of the fact how much time you are spending in the Word, it is just going to start producing, things are going to start happening without you even realizing it. And this is one of the reasons I am so excited about school versus the rest of the ministry that I do. Because people will listen to me and there are a few people that will take the Word and just

meditate in it all day long and go to our website get all the teaching and stuff, and they will just saturate themselves with it. But the average person will just listen, they will be blessed and excited, and for 30 minutes it will be good and then they go to work and they get their mind on something else and forget about it until the next day, and they are in and out, and you are not going to see the same harvest when people do it that way. But when you just immerse yourself, when the Word of God gets planted and you leave it there, and it just stays there, and this is what your mind is stayed on all of the time, I guarantee you it will start producing a supernatural harvest. So, it says, in verse 27, "...he should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how." Boy this is so exciting, this is powerful! You don't have to understand this. You know what, mankind does not understand a seed. Now you might think, "Oh yeah they do, they use seeds all of the time." They have learned how to cooperate with it, they have learned how to plant it, they have learned how to do certain things, but you know what, man cannot create a seed. We do not understand... we cannot reproduce it. You could produce something, you could take the cumulative power of the entire human race, billions of people and billions of dollars in everything, and take all of the best scientists, and they could create something that would look like a kernel of corn, it might taste like a kernel of corn, it might have the same weight as a kernel of corn, but you plant it in the ground it will never germinate and produce another deal. We do not understand it, but that does not keep us from using it. You can still plant corn! I do not understand how a little acorn turns into this huge tree. It is amazing, it is a miracle! Every seed is a miracle. I do not understand it, but you know what... I can use it. I do not have to understand it. It says, "...he sleeps and rises night and day and it springs and grows up itself, he knows not how." Did you know, in every seed God has put in there... I do not know exactly what it is... But He has put in there everything it takes to overcome and to produce and reproduce. I have got a rock on my property that is bigger than this auditorium, bigger than the top of this auditorium, it is called "The Indian Head Rock". I have chiseled out a seat on the top of it and I sit up there and watch the world as they go by. It's awesome! And anyway, on the top of this rock there are little dips and stuff like this, and dirt gets in there and then it rains, and it gets wet and then a bird drops a seed. And I have got seeds in the top of this huge rock that is over 100 feet tall. And these seeds, this little tiny seed, is splitting this huge boulder. The power that's in that seed is just phenomenal! A little tiny seed gets in there and it splits this huge boulder. I could put a stick of dynamite in it and it would not break that boulder, but that little tiny seed has got all of this power in it. The Word of God is like this seed, it is powerful! And you do not have to understand it, you just have to believe that if I will sow this Word in my heart, and sleep and rise, night and day, this thing is going to change me. And He goes on to say in the next verse, "...for the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself..." Did you know if you look "of herself" up in the Greek, you know what this word is? It is "automatos", it is the word we get automatic from, automatically. The earth brings forth fruit automatically. It is just a law of God. You take a seed and put it in the ground, the ground does not have to sit there and analyze, and say, "Do I want this seed to grow?" It just works! And you can put any seed in the ground, and there are certain grounds that are acid or alkaline or something, and some seeds may not prosper as well as others, but the ground just... God made ground that it just produces. Whatever is planted in it, it starts taking these nutrients out of there. You know we will

sit there and say, "Look at this huge tree that was actually in this seed." Did you know that that seed does not actually have that tree in it. That seed, somehow or another, takes all of the nutrients and the stuff that is in the ground. And organizes them and draws them out and produces the tree. It is not the seed, the seed is the catalyst, the seed is the thing that makes it all work, but the ground supplies all of this. If you put a seed in really shallow earth it is not going to produce, because the ground is not sufficient to be able to supply the seed what it needs. And in this parable, the ground is our heart. God made your heart... That when...man, I got so much stuff I want to say here, I got to organize how I am going to say this. But God made your heart that, thoughts, impressions, feelings, seeds... your heart just instantly, automatically starts growing and producing whatever you put in you. If you put in you fear, if you put in you pornography, if you put in you anything, your heart does not know the difference, your heart will just start bringing these thoughts, these things that you plant in your heart to life. And likewise, if you will put in the Word of God, your heart will just automatically, begin to start bringing the Word of God to pass in your life. It is impossible for you not to be healed meditating on the Word of God day and night. Romans 8:6 says, "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." Carnally minded does not mean necessarily sinful-minded. All sin is carnal, but not all carnality is sin. Carnal just means natural, of the five senses is what it means, of what you can see, taste, smell, and feel. If you are just thinking in the natural, that is death. It did not say carnal mindedness tends towards death, carnal mindedness is death. Being naturally minded, thinking naturally, you do not have to be sinful, you do not have to be evil, you do not have to be demonic, just be normal, just be natural, and you will die. Carnal mindedness is death, but spiritual mindedness is life and peace. What is spiritual mindedness? It says in John 6:63, Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." God's Word is spirit and life. So, to be spiritually minded, is to be Word minded. If you plant the seed in your heart, your heart just brings forth life and peace. You know if I wanted to go to your house and see if you had a garden, and if you had planted a garden. I do not have to be there when you plant your garden to tell what you've planted. All I got to do is see what is growing, and I can tell you what you planted. And either you planted it, or you let somebody else, or you let a bird drop a seed, or something. But I can guarantee whatever is growing in your garden was planted there. And likewise, I do not have to be with you, I do not have to go home with you to find out what you been doing. I can look at your life and I can tell what you have been doing, because if you are experiencing death, you have been carnally minded. If you are experiencing life, you have been spiritually minded. Your life is producing the seeds that you have sown in it. And somehow you are thinking, "That's not so, I did not have anything to do with this." Yes, you did. The Bible is absolute. Somebody says, "But I did not pray for cancer, I did not ask for cancer." No, but you're thinking was sick. You were thinking, "I am only human." You heard a report that cancer is incurable and immediately that caused fear in your heart and you allowed that fear to grow, instead of taking the Word of God that says, "That no weapon formed against you will prosper, every tongue that rises against you in judgment you will condemn." You did not think right, you just thought like a natural human being. And you said, "But God, I am only human." That is not true! I am not only human, one third of me is wall-to-wall Holy Ghost. Man, I am powerful, I am born again, and you may not have thought "I want

cancer", but you thought "I am only human, I'm just a person, what can I do?" That thinking allowed that seed to grow on the inside of you. Your life is the way you have thought that is going to be. Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Your life is the way you have thought. And again, "I did not think on divorce." No, but you thought in ways that allow that to come to pass. Many of you could go all the way back to when you got married, you did not pick the one that God had for you, you went out and married whoever you wanted. You leaned unto your own understanding. And you are the one that created the problem in the first place. I am not blaming anybody, I am not trying to condemn you, but I am trying to say that the Word of God works brothers and sisters, and if you are not seeing the Word work in your life it is not the seed that is the problem. 1 Peter 1:23 says, "We are born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible seed, by the Word of God, that lives and abides forever." The Word of God is an incorruptible seed. The word used there in 1 Peter 1:23, is the word "spora", where we get spores from. That is how a flower pollinates, how it spreads its seed. And "spora" is a derivative of the word "sperma", where we get the word sperm from. You are born again by an incorruptible seed, sperm. The Word of God is incorruptible. If you are not experiencing victory in your life, it is not the Word that has failed, it is the fact that we have let something else be planted in our life, other than the Word of God. If you've got sickness growing in your life, your thinking is sick. If you've got poverty, your thinking is poor in the area of prosperity. If you've got broken relationships, you are not thinking right, to have friends a man must show himself friendly and somewhere down the line things are not working right. I am not saying any of these things to condemn anybody, but I am saying you got to get to the place that you believe that God's Word is an incorruptible seed. And I have got a teaching entitled, "Effortless Change", which is along the lines of what I am talking about, if you have not heard that, you ought to get this teaching, it will change your life. But it speaks about, how the kingdom works, and the kingdom works off of a seed. Instead of praying, "Oh God heal me." Take the seed of healing and plant it in your life, and if you leave it there and meditate on it day and night, you will be healed. It is impossible not to be healed. Amen. That is so simple, you got to have somebody help you to misunderstand what I am saying. But there are people sitting right here that think, "Well, I am not sure it is that simple." And see, you have allowed other thinking and that other thinking is taking root, you do not put the importance on the Word of God, you do not believe the power of the Word of God the way that you should, and that very thing is keeping the Word about healing from producing in your life, because you have entertained other thoughts and you are letting those things grow. In Proverbs chapter 4, it says, verse 20 through 22, "...that God's word is health unto all of your flesh and life to those who find it..." God's Word is health to you, so take God's Word and plant the scriptures on healing in your heart and you will be healed. Psalms 107:2 says, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from all their destructions." The Word of God will heal you and deliver you, take the seed and plant it in your heart. The same thing is true of prosperity, the same thing is true on everything, this is how the Kingdom works, it just works automatically. You have never seen an apple tree just groan and shake and then, let out a scream and here is an apple! That is not the way that it happens, you just plant a seed, and give it time, and it just grows and boom... it is the nature to produce an apple. And yet Christians find change to be so hard, "Oh God it is so hard to change!" Why is it

hard to change? Because you are not planting seeds, you are praying and begging God to set you free from dope addiction, from cigarettes, from something... but you are just praying and asking for a miracle, but you aren't taking the Word of God and planting seeds that would displace that stuff and get you free. You will call a prayer chain, you will spend great expense, you will get thousands of people to pray, but you would not take the word of God and meditate in it day and night. There is nothing hard about the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of God is simple. And I am promising, you are going to experience this, sitting under the Word four hours a day for nine months here, at the end of nine months it is like Daniel said on the first day, you need to take a before-picture right now and be ready for your after-picture, because I guarantee you, you are going to change. And some of you may think, "Well, I'm not sure about that." We had this one guy come, his name was Taj, he was a black guy from the inner city of Chicago. And he did not want to be here, he told everybody he did not want to be here. The only reason he was here, was because his mother bought him a car and got him an apartment and furniture and stuff, and says, "if you will go there for six months, I will give you all of this stuff." And so, he told everybody, "I do not want to be here, I am just here because my mother sent me..." He was a nice guy, I liked the guy, but he did not want to be here, and he told us that. He says, "Man, after Christmas break, I am gone, you will never see me again." And so anyway, he sat under the Word and did you know, on Christmas break he went home, told us he says, "You will never see me again." And when he got home, he didn't realize it, but he had changed. He did not even want to change, but he had changed. He lived in inner-city Chicago, and two of his friends had been killed, during the months that he had been here. He went back and found out that he did not fit in anymore, his life had changed, and he wasn't even believing for it to change. But it just brought forth fruit of itself, automatically, and Taj came back and finished the whole two years. He now pastors in Colorado Springs and has a big church down there. And I've heard that Taj may be coming back and doing one of our third-year courses. I mean, it works better if you cooperate. But you're going to find out that this is just the law of God. You sit and listen to the Word, you listen to truth and the truth is going to set you free. And it is really this simple. It is not hard to live the Christian life. It's actually hard not to be victorious. It's hard to be sick if you meditate on the Word day and night. It's been 49 years...nearly 50 years and I just don't get sick. I don't believe in being sick. I don't get sick. I haven't been depressed in nearly 50 years. I don't get depressed, I'm not going to be depressed. And some people, "Man, you can't do that." Well don't wake me up, because this is how I'm living. And I'm telling you, if you'll meditate in the Word... It says in Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." Again, this is talking about the Word of God. It will bring forth fruit of itself but you have to meditate in it day and night. There is no problem with the Word, the only problem is with the soil... that we don't give the seed the attention, the priority that we need to. And notice it also goes on to say in this parable... Man, I could minister on this for hours and I've got less than 20 minutes here. It says, "The earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." Here's another great truth. These are laws, this is how the kingdom works. There is first the blade, then the ear and then the full corn in the ear. Growth

again. It shows steps and stages. In Romans 12:2 it says, "Don't be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing your mind, that you may prove what is the good, acceptable, perfect will of God." The blade, the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. There's growth. And again, this is a mistake that people made. There was one of our students that came here and they began to see me and other people here talk about how God will supply your need. We were teaching on prosperity and so, they went out and got them a house that cost \$1,500 a month. This is back, 20-something years ago. You could've gotten a house for \$500 a month. I think it was actually \$2,500 a month that they payed, but see they were believing God and they were into this and they just believed God was going to supply their need so, they went and got a house, it was like \$2500 a month, 20 years ago. And anyway, within a short period of time they were destitute, they had to move out of the house, they couldn't pay their tuition, they couldn't do a lot of things and they were just... "Why didn't this work? We were believing God!" There's first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. You can't jump from never having seen God move in your life and supply the needs to where everything is just working. If you go from zero to a thousand miles an hour all at once, you're dead! That's not acceleration, that's a wreck! Amen? You have to start slow and build up your speed. You have to believe God to supply \$500 a month before you can believe for \$600 a month and things like this. If the Lord would've told me... if I would have had to started out my ministry believing for over \$5.5 million a month and if He would have done that to me 20 years ago, it would kill me. I had to first of all believe for... Man, I remember the very first covenant that Jamie and I wrote out when we moved to Colorado Springs. We were believing for \$700 a month. That would pay me, my salary, it would pay our radio bill... I was only on one radio station, and allow us to give over a hundred and something dollars a month. And we started believing for \$700 a month and that was over twice what we had been getting. I was stretching myself, I was believing, but I believed for \$700 a month before I started believing for \$5.5 million a month. You've got to do things... you've got to recognize it takes time and that you can't eat an elephant all at once... you'll choke! But you could eat an elephant, if you eat it one bite at a time. We had a guy in school here, in the very first class. We were reminiscing about this the other day and anyway, he had come out of a mental institution, he'd been in a mental institution his whole life. He was about 40 years old. And he came here, and he was really a nice guy, I really like the guy. He had a good heart, but he just had been in a mental institution and he didn't have people skills, he didn't know things. He would sit in the class and turn around facing the class and just pick his nose in front of everybody. It was just grossing everybody out. He had no people skills whatsoever. And I made him a personal project. And after school I started bringing him in and we started studying the book of Proverbs and teaching him how to get along with people, how to do things. And I mean, he really improved a lot and he got so fired up, he got so excited, that he started believing God for great things. And there was a place in Manitou Springs called the Cliff House, it's now been restored, but at the time it was a hotel that was built in the 1800's and it had had a fire and it was derelict. And it had been empty for... I don't know, a decade or something like this. And it was a stone structure, so the structure was still there, but all the insides had been gutted and anyway, he went down, found out how much it would cost to buy that place, found out how much it would cost to renovate it... there was like a hundred-something rooms in it, and he was in a renovate it, fix it up, he



had a whole thing that he had printed out on this. And it was in a cost five-point-something million dollars to buy it, to renovate it... He was going to rent it out to Bible college students. He figured out how much he could charge, he would be able to make a profit, and I mean, it was a lot of work and it was really good. And he came and presented this whole thing to me and he was really excited, and he just showed it to me and he says, "What do you think?" And I said, "I can guarantee you this is not God." And it's just like you popped a balloon. He just... I mean he went from being all excited to discouraged... "Why would you say? I'm trying to believe God. I'm trying to believe for things to happen." And I said, "Jerry, you have never worked day in your life. You have never earned a dime in your life. You have never managed anything. You had your family take care of you and then the government has supported you. You have never worked a day in your life and you're going to jump from having done nothing to coming up with \$5.5 million and you're going to manage this thing?" I said, "That's not God. God would never do that to anybody. You've got to learn some things along the way." And I encouraged him, I said, "Now this is great that you're dreaming and thinking, but find something bite-size. Go get a job. Get a job and instead of living off your family, pay your own way. And get where you can believe for that, and then go out and get you a house and then go out and get you a car and then do some things and then start believing for some things." And see, there's are some of you thinking, "Well man, I just think God could do it supernaturally." That is not how the kingdom works. The kingdom works off of this principle of seed, time, and harvest. It's like a seed. There's always the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. There's some of you that are wanting to go out and have a worldwide ministry and change the world and you've never taught a Sunday school class. You've never taught a Bible study. You've never ministered to anybody, and yet you're all of a sudden just going to leapfrog and pass all of these steps and go into ministry. That is not the way the kingdom works. And some of you might think, "Well, boy you're discouraging me." I'm trying to encourage you. Because I guarantee you, you are not going to change things. You can't cram for a harvest. You may cram for a test, but you can't cram for a harvest, you can't circumvent this system. The kingdom of God operates off of these principles. The Word of God is the seed that makes everything work, but you have to plant it, you have to leave it there, it takes time, it'll work automatically, but then there's going to be first the blade, then the ear, and then the full corn in the ear. This is just a way that the kingdom works. Some of you may not understand this, but when the Lord called you here, it's because He's got great plans for you. He's wanting to do some awesome things. Your future is so bright, you've got to squint to look at it. But, it's not going to happen tomorrow. And the reason He called you here is to sow seeds into your life, to teach you some things, to equip you, to prepare you. You know, if the Lord would've revealed to me, back 49 years ago when he first called me, and I knew that I was going to reach people all over the world, but if He would've shown me that I'd have to build this building and that building, 150-something million dollars' worth of buildings on this property, that I'd have to have \$5.5 million a month just to pay my bills, I guarantee you, it would've done one of two things to me, it would've probably scared me so much, it would've so overwhelmed me that I'd have run the other direction. "God you've got the wrong guy, I'm out of here!" Or, if I would've embraced it, I would've become so impatient that I would never have taken the time to grow and to do the things along the way that I did. God will just to show you

things one little bit at a time and until you fulfill that He's not going to lead you to the other thing, not because He doesn't love you, but because he loves you so much. Why would God show you the whole plan for your life and make you responsible and accountable for it, when you aren't mature enough to be able to do it yet. That would just be making you more accountable. If you aren't going to be faithful in this small thing that he gives you, he won't show you the other things because He doesn't want to make you accountable and make you responsible for failing in all of these other areas. He'll just deal with you little bit by little bit, show you things one step at a time. And He will nurture you and mature you and bring you along as you're able to handle it, because He loves you so much. Some of you are... "God, why aren't you using me? Oh God! Use me!" It's because you aren't usable. Amen. And I know some of you think, "I'm paying for this abuse?" I'm trying to help you! I'm telling you, God loves you. He wants to use you more than you want to be used, but he loves you so much, He's not going put you out there and make you a target so that the devil can attack you if you aren't mature enough to be able to handle it. You should never be praying, "Oh God use me!" What you should be praying is, "Oh God, make me usable." You start meditating in the Word day and night and I guarantee you, you will be used of God. So, there is much, much more that I can say about that, but let's jump down to verse 35. And remember that He had thought this parable about the sower sowing the seed, He had taught this parable that we just dealt with about the man who threw the seed in the ground and slept and rose, night and day... Actually, if you go to like my study Bible that I've got... my Living Commentary, where it organizes the New Testament chronologically, instead of by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, he taught 14 parables this day. One day, it's the most teaching we have record of anything that Jesus did, and he taught 14 parables: About the parable of the tares among the wheat, the woman who lost the coin, the mustard seed becomes the greatest herb, all these... All of those parables were taught in one day and it says in verse 35, "And the same day..." The same day as what? The same day as all of these parables about how the kingdom works and it being like a seed. "And the same day, when the even was come, he said under them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him and said him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?" Have any of you have ever felt like this? "God, don't you care? I need to be healed! Why haven't you healed me? Oh God heal me! Oh God prosper me! Oh God save this person! Oh God touch this person! Oh God give me this job! God, why aren't you doing anything?" This is exactly...they woke Him up, "Why aren't you doing anything? Bail! Row! Do something!" He was asleep. And you know this was an open boat. It wasn't a cabin cruiser. He didn't have decks below ground. It wasn't that he was dry and was oblivious to what was going on. He was in an open boat and it says that the boat was full, so that means He was sloshing in the water. He was well aware of what was going on and He wasn't doing a blooming thing. He was laying there asleep on a pillow. And they said, "Don't you care about us? Do something!" And so, it says, "He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" Most of us would think, "Man, why would He sit there

and criticize them, they were about to drown, they were in this storm, the boat was full, He wasn't doing anything to help them." You know, it was the same day that He had been teaching them about the word is a seed. The word is supernatural. You get a Word from God, it will produce a miracle, all you have to do is put it in your heart. You know what He did? He gave them a pop quiz on what He had been teaching them. He'd been teaching about the power of the Word and then He gave them a Word: Go to the other side." He didn't say, "Let's go halfway and drown." He said, "Let's go to the other side." The one who created the Heavens and the earth said, "We are going to the other side." They had a word from God, but they let the wind and the waves and the storm take their attention off of the Word and they started operating in fear. It wasn't Jesus' place to still the storm. It was their place. He had taught them about the authority and the power that they had. They should have stood on the that word and they should've done did it. Did you know it's not God's place to heal you? By His stripes you were healed. He's already done it and he gave you the seed that says 1 Peter 2:24, "By His stripes you were healed." And now you take the seed and you plant it in your heart and quit asking God to heal you and instead take the seed of healing that He's given you and put it in your heart and speak it out your mouth and stand on it and give it time. And I guarantee you, the seed will produce healing in your body. It's impossible for you to stay sick meditating on the Word of God day and night, because to be spiritually-minded, word-minded, is life and peace. Man, that is awesome. I just about preached myself happy. Man, this is awesome. This is worth all of the school right here, this one class, if you got this and if you were to believe it, understand it, apply it, and if you operated in nothing but what we've said right here, this would transform your life. You take these seeds and you plant them in your heart and you do it day after day, and you don't dig them up. You stay consistent, you protect it... we'll get into that in the next hour when I teach on the other parable in this chapter. You have to protect it against things that come to choke the Word and to steal the word from you. But you do these things and the Word of God will just automatically change your life. And you don't have to understand it, you don't have to be a rocket scientist, all you've got to do is just meditate in the Word, day and night, and do whatever it says, and you will make your way prosperous and you will have good success. The Lord put it to me this way. He says, "If you would do these things that I just talked about, meditating the Word, He says, "You would have to backslide on me to keep from accomplishing My will for you." And I believe that is absolutely true. You know the things that are happening here, I haven't...I didn't pray and beg God, "Oh God, please give me a Bible college and please help me to..." I didn't want a Bible college. He just told me to do this and I just responded to Him. I didn't ask for this. And when it came time...we'd outgrown our other facility, God what do we do? We had a place in Colorado Springs that was 22 acres for \$90 million. That didn't...it wasn't in the city limits, it was over an hour from here, and they offered that to us, that was the best deal we found. 22 acres for \$90 million, no city services in it... And this place just dumped in our lap: \$4 million for 157 acres, with a \$3 million lodge already built on it. And we had somebody come to Jamie and say, "Do you think that this was God?" She said, this is a no-brainer! You'd have to be dumb not to take this! Amen? I didn't ask for this, I hadn't begged, I hadn't done things, it just brings forth fruit of itself. My job is to meditate in the Word day and night, renew my mind, listen to the voice of the Lord, and when God tells me, I just obey it and God is doing

things supernaturally. Man, it's awesome! Some of you are new and you see things and you just think maybe all this came easy, but you don't realize what we've been through and what God has done, and it is not my intellect. Some of you might have heard me say this, but my mother died in 2009 and she was 96 years old. And anyway, right before she died, she was asking me to tell her again all that the Lord was doing through the ministry, she worked for me and opened our mail for over 20 years, and she was really excited about what God was doing. And anyway, I was telling her about all the things worldwide and she stuck her little bony finger right my face and she said, "Andy, you know that's God!" And I said, "Yes ma'am, I know it's God." And then she says, "You aren't smart enough to do this." And it's true and I said, "It's absolutely true, I am not smart..." It is not my brilliance. Some of you don't know me, you only see me on television and I might come across better than I am, but the more you get to know me, you're going to think man...that's not Andrew doing that, that has to be God that's doing this stuff. I guarantee you, I'm just about as plain as you get. I had a guy come up to me one time and he said, "You know, you are as plain as dirt." But that's what you need for a seed. Amen? Dirt's really good for a seed. So, praise God! Just take the seed, sow it in your heart, and I guarantee you you'll change effortlessly. Amen!