

Hidden Stories: Hidden Life

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“Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” [Mark 4:13 ESV](#)

“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 NIV](#)

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

[1 Peter 1:23 NIV](#)

_____ ✓ can be present long before _____ ✓ is visible.

Hear. Understand. Receive. Hold fast. Endure. Bear fruit.

Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

[John 12:24 NIV](#)

Your notes

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is happening in me when I hear God’s Word right now? Am I resisting it, receiving it, or allowing other things to crowd it out?
2. What is one truth from God that I need to hold fast to right now, even if I cannot yet see the growth or outcome I hoped for?