



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
October 23, 2022

Mark 4:13-20

¹³ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? ¹⁴ The farmer sows the word. ¹⁵ Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. ¹⁶ Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. ¹⁷ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ¹⁸ Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; ¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²⁰ Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

Worry robs us of God's best.

Disease: abnormal condition that negatively affects the structure or function of an organism

For a believer, worry should be an abnormal condition.

For a believer, faith should be a normal condition.

We are called to be warriors for the faith – not worriers without faith.

Faith! Taking God at His Word.

A confident trust in God's power.

It requires no faith to worry.

Faith is not just believing God can, but that He will!

Worry and faith both have to do with expectation.

Faith is expecting God to move.

Worry is expecting the enemy to move.



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Healthy soil: *Hear the Word, accept the Word, let it produce.*

Romans 10:17

¹⁷So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

God never asks us to surrender anything without replacing it with something new and better.

Worry requires investment.

When we worry, it is exposing something in us

When you give in to worry, it is often based on shame.

Shame says our worry is more real than our faith.

Because of shame, we look at our worry through the lens of expectation.

Faith is the eye of the spirit.

Worry is the eye of the heart.

Reason is the eye of the mind.

When we give in to worry, we are over-thinking!

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 The Message

We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ. Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.

We need to discard worry from our native thought and speech.

Worry is not obedient to Christ!



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When worry comes: stop, identify it, and take it to Christ.

Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Message Version:

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.

HEALING MANIFESTO

Lord, I commit to the following:

I will be real with You. That means admitting I'm not OK at times.

I will resist the urge to self-manage.

I will cooperate with Your work through obedience.

I will stop speaking negativity.

I will submit to Your process of removing the indelible stain of my sin and brokenness.

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