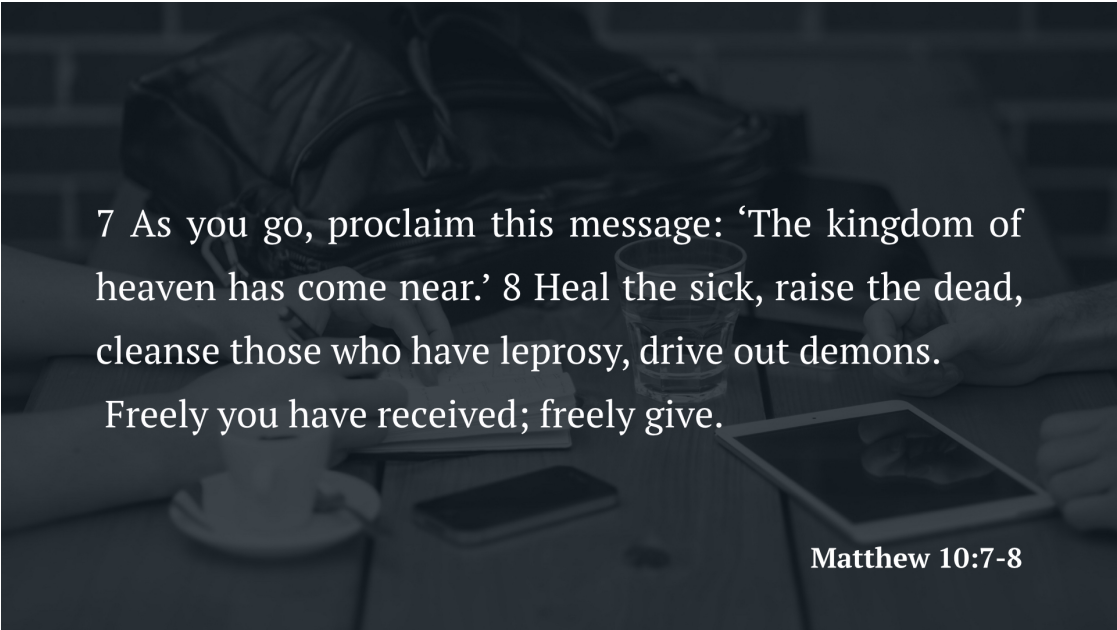


Rain drinkers & Fruit growers

Sunday August 30



Go and give what you've got

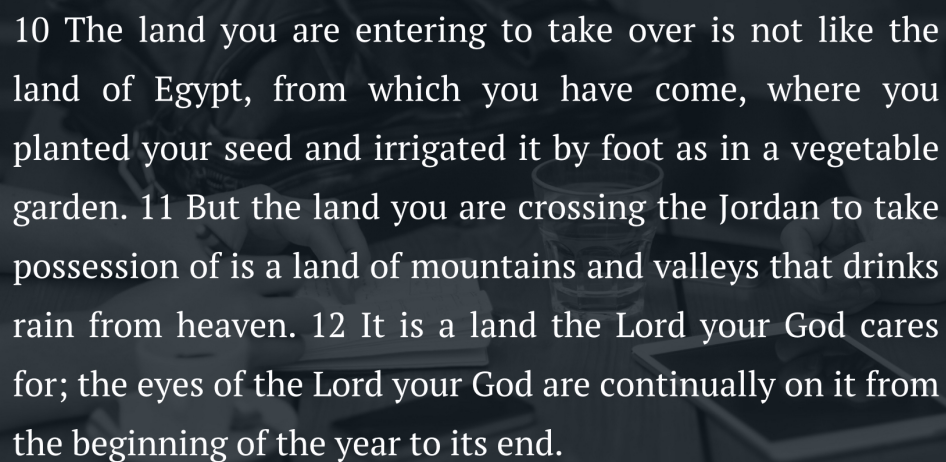


7 As you go, proclaim this message: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

Matthew 10:7-8



Land that drinks rain

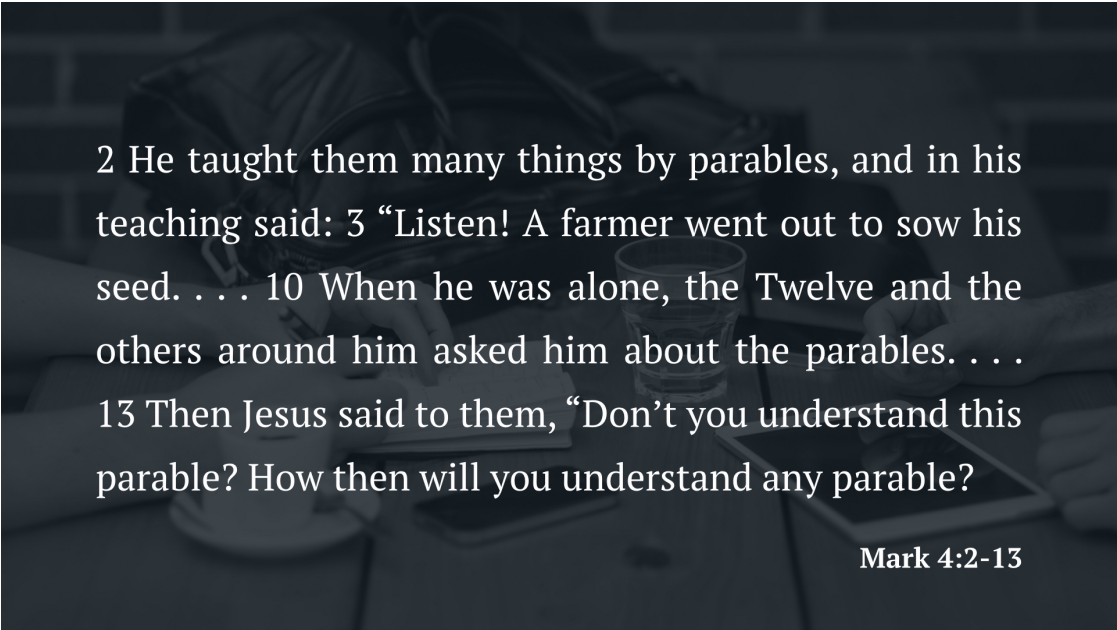


10 The land you are entering to take over is not like the land of Egypt, from which you have come, where you planted your seed and irrigated it by foot as in a vegetable garden. 11 But the land you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven. 12 It is a land the Lord your God cares for; the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.

Deuteronomy 11:10-12

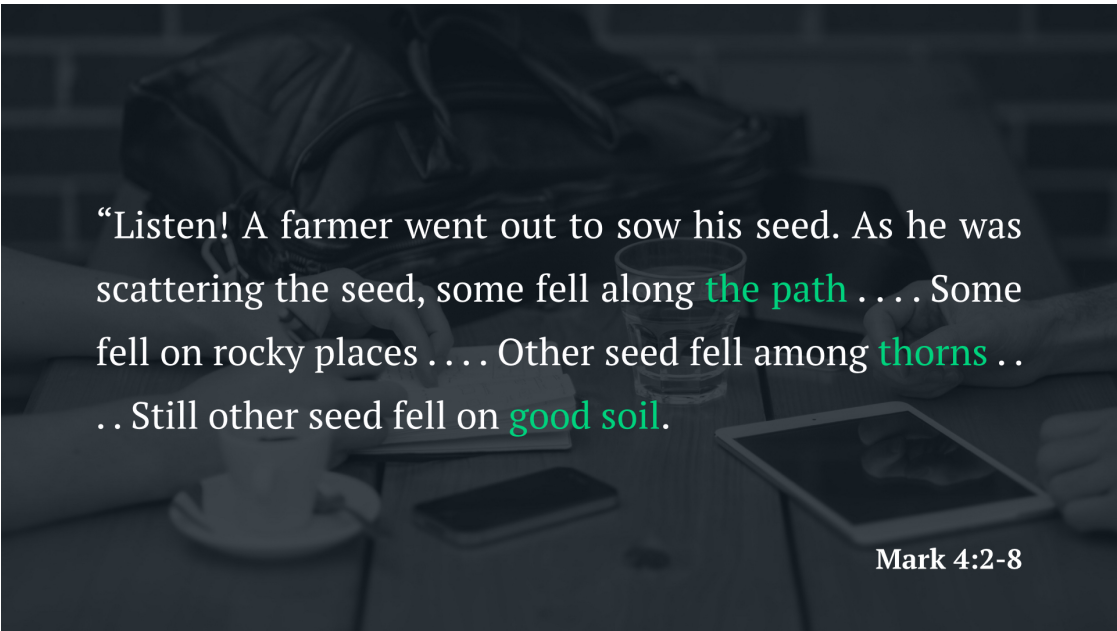


Soil for good seed



2 He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: 3 “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. . . . 10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. . . . 13 Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?”

Mark 4:2-13



“Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along **the path** Some fell on rocky places Other seed fell among **thorns** Still other seed fell on **good soil**.

Mark 4:2-8



Produce kingdom fruit

(by believing His gospel)

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? 43 “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. 44 Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

FRUIT IS EXPECTED

Matthew 21:42-44

² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. . . ⁴ No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. . . ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last

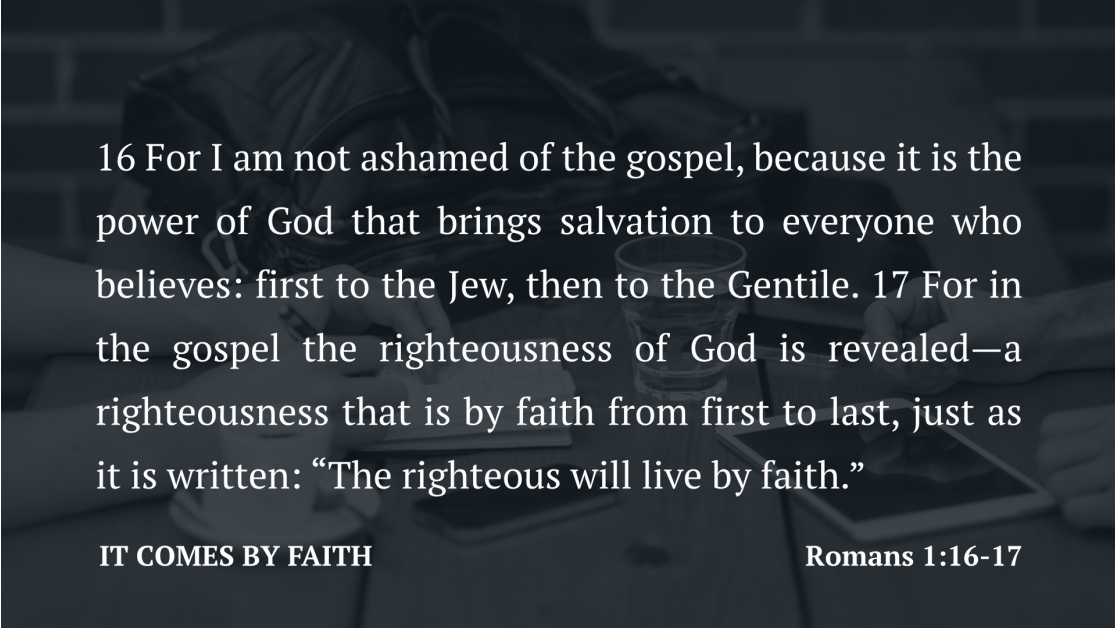
WE CAN'T DO IT OURSELVES

John 15:2,4-5,16

⁷ Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. ⁸ But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. ⁹ Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are convinced of better things in your case—the things that have to do with salvation.

KINGDOM FRUIT IS BEAUTIFUL

Hebrews 6:7-9



16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

IT COMES BY FAITH

Romans 1:16-17



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