



LEAP of Investment

Leap of Faith, Part 4

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Theme of the Gospel of Mark: The only *sensible response* to GOOD NEWS is to *jump into it...* i.e. a *LEAP of FAITH!*

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² And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, ³ "Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to sow; ⁴ as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.

⁶ And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. ⁸ Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." ⁹ And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

¹³ And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.

¹⁶ In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; ¹⁷ and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word...

Mark 4:1-9, 13-18

¹⁹ but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰ And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

Mark 4:19-20

THE "CROWD" MEANING: THE BIG QUESTION —

How am I *receiving the Word of the Kingdom*?

- ✓ There is "a *Satan*" a.k.a. *Accuser*
- ✓ *Starts* are great, but it's critical to *finish*
- ✓ Choked = *crowded*

THE "HOUSE" MEANING: THE LEAP OF FAITH

LOOKS LIKE "*INVEST!*"

For you who are sowing the seed with Jesus — this is how the Kingdom works — don't get *discouraged*, it's not *about you* — even if EVERYONE doesn't jump in, when *ONE SEED* finds good soil, the right heart, it's *more than worth it!*

- ▶ Principle of *Ripples*
- ▶ Principle of *releasing outcomes*
- ▶ Principle of "*who's doing what*"
- ▶ Principle of *disproportionate impact*

So... SOW... Let go and SOW and LEAP with YOUR SEEDS

SEEDS = *Resources* = *Time & Treasure*

GOD'S *MESSAGE TO LEAPERS*

"I, the LORD, am your God,
Who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
Open your mouth wide and I will fill it."

Psalm 81:10



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How am I _____?

- ✓ There is "a _____" a.k.a. _____
- ✓ _____ are great, but it's critical to _____
- ✓ Choked = _____

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LOOKS LIKE " _____ "

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- ▶ Principle of _____

____... ____... Let ____ and ____ and LEAP with YOUR SEEDS

SEEDS = _____ = _____

GOD'S _____

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