I. Mark 4:26-29

- A. What is the one thing that Satan wants most out of your life? Why?
 - 1. Satan comes to steal, kill, and destroy...but he can do none of these things unless he first takes away the Word! (Faith comes by hearing the Word...And without faith it is impossible to please God or receive any promise from God).
 - 2. I want you to think about all the things in your life that attempt to distract you from the Word. (Luke 10:41-42 "ONE THING is Needful...").
- B. Understanding God's Word...God's Seed (The answer to the question, Why).
 - 1. Throughout Jesus' ministry, He spoke often of the power in the seed...
 - **Matthew 13:24** "The Kingdom of heaven is like a good man which sowed good SEED in his field."
 - Matthew 13:31 "The Kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed..."
 - Matthew 17:20 "If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed..."
 - 2. **Mark 4:14** "The sower sows the Word (the Seed of the Word)."
 - Jesus compares the Word to a seed because both of them KNOW only one thing: Produce!
 - The Word is Growing whether you see it or not (He knoweth not how).
 - A seed and the Word do not KNOW how to fail! There are no Word failures...only Ground Failures!

II. Growing Up in the Word

A. Hebrews 5:12-14

- 1. Senses Exercises Perception Trained
- 2. Checking where you are in your growth in the Word:
 - Feelings vs. Faith (Faith is not moved by what it sees, hears, etc...It is only moved by the Word of God).
 - Am I easily moved by circumstances or do I quickly pray and use my faith?
 - Do I focus on my achievements or Give God all the Glory? (Do I get upset when I am not recognized?).
 - Am I focused on others and what they are doing or am I steadfast on what God has called me to do?
- B. Levels of Faith (Little Faith...To...Great Faith)
 - 1. Matthew 6:30 (Trusting God for Supply)...Matthew 8:26 (Allowing Fear Because of Circumstances).
 - 2. Matthew 8:10 (Speaking the Word with authority)...Matthew 15:28 (Standing in the face of adversity).