



# "The Seed Among Thorns" Sun May 28, 2023

## I. **Mark 4:14-20**

### A. The Seed That Cannot Fail

#### 1. **Psalm 1:1-3**

\* Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God

2. Satan knows what the seed (The Word of God) will do, so he will do everything he can to keep it from producing in your life; and his main tactic for church-going believers is "Cares."

### B. Cares of This World

#### 1. **Cares - Distractions**

2. Of This World (In the proper perspective, this means they do not belong to you....)

- *If you find you are struggling with your faith, with joy, with peace and with believing for a victory, it is most likely because the seed of God's Word in your life is being choked by the worries of this world.*

- *I Corinthians 2:12 "Now we have received not the spirit of this world..."*

## II. How to Keep the Cares (Thorns) Away

### A. **Identify the Cares**

1. What are they and how do they affect me? Any distraction that weighs heavy on my mind! (family, money, children, job, future....the corruption in this world, etc...).
2. Things that take up space in your mind, in your thoughts.

### B. **Cast the Cares**

1. **I Peter 5:6-8** (Be aware so you recognize the care the next time something tries to weigh on your mind).
2. **II Corinthians 10:5** "Casting down imaginations....and bring into captivity..." (two things: Cast it down and keep it bound)

### C. **Replace the Cares**

1. **Matthew 6:30-31** (Key word is "take") (I refuse to take the cares; I choose to take different thoughts...thoughts of joy, thoughts of life.)
2. Did you know? You choose what you meditate on; get your Bible out and start meditating, start thinking on things that are honest, just, pure, true, lovely and of a good report (**Phil 4:6**), and Satan and his thoughts cannot stay around. Turn on the light and the darkness disappears!