

THE PILLOW OF GOD'S PROMISE

Mark 4:35 And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

1. "**And the same day?**" Jesus gives the order to go to the other side on the same day.
 - a. what same day
 - b. what happened beforehand that we are informed that something else had transpired on that *same day*
 - c. let's go to the start of that day and see how it applies to you

Mark 4:1-2 And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. [2] And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

2. A large crowd has gathered so Jesus decides to get into a small boat and preach to the crowd on the shore.

Mark 4:3 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow:

3. On that same day, He taught about the parable of the sower, a farmer planting seeds.
 - a. He then explains what the parable meant
 - b. God's Word is the seed
 - c. our hearts is the soil that receives the seed

Mark 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

4. Remember, soil is designed to receive seed.
 - a. how we keep that soil determines it's productivity

5. The *way side ground* is the believer who hears the Word being taught but rejects it. Why?

- a. because satan comes immediately and steals the Word from their heart
- b. they will have intellectual debates in their heads instead of simple faith in their hearts

Mark 4:16-17 **And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; [17] And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.**

6. The second type of ground is the *stony ground*.

- a. this is one who hears the Word and receives it quickly, but gives up when trials and persecution come

7. This one does not have enough soil or depth of heart for the Word to produce a good root.

- a. how can you tell they have no depth
- b. they become offended

Mark 4:18-19 **And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, [19] And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.**

8. The third type of *ground is thorny*.

- a. this ground receives the Word and holds on for a while
- b. but when wealth and prosperity manifests, things become more important than the Word and the Word is choked out

Mark 4:20 **And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.**

9. The last type of ground is *good ground*. It holds on to the Word and endures all persecution.

a. growth becomes evident

b. it begins to increasingly produce more, thirty, sixty and finally one hundred fold

10. Here's the key.

Mark 4:23 If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

Mark 4:23 (NLT) Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand!

11. The key to these verses is **hearing** the Word of God and **understanding** it.

Matthew 13:51 Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord.

13. The same incident here in Matthew 13. Jesus asked His disciples if they understood His teaching and they all said "yes"

a. so here comes test and what He just taught

14. On the same day that this parable was taught, Jesus was about to demonstrate it to his disciples.

a. the Word had been sown in their hearts and satan was about to come and **steal the seed through persecution**

b. satan kills, steals or destroys the seed through persecution

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15. Jesus planted the seed when he said "**Let us pass over unto the other side.**"

a. He did not say "*Let us go half way, meet a storm and sink*"

b. the Word was given that they would make it to the other side

Mark 4:35-37 **And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. [36] And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. [37] And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.**

16. A storm did arise. Water is now filling the ship where Jesus and the disciples were in.

- a. but wait a minute, there were other ships with them
- b. it doesn't say that their ships were being filled with water
- c. only " the " ship that carried Jesus and the boys was being filled with water
- c. but didn't the storm hit them like it hit Jesus's ship
- d. how come they aren't sinking
- e. "wait a minute, I'm just trying to do what the Lord told me to do and I have to face this storm, all this opposition and go through hell at the risk of losing my life"
- f. "how come I'm always the only one, what about all these others..."

Mark 4:38 **And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?**

17. The disciples are in the front of the boat facing the storm while Jesus is in the back being cradled to sleep by the waves.

- a. 'if He did care, He would be up here with me'

18. Jesus was asleep on a pillow.

- a. the disciples should have taken a hint from Jesus
- b. if the Word is spoken, it will come to pass

19. We might as well all go to sleep and rest on *God's pillow of His promise!*

20. The disciples proved that they did not understand the teaching because they :
- a. panicked
 - b. accused Jesus of not caring that they were drowning
21. Jesus rebuked the storm and then rebuked the disciples!
- a. they flunked the test
 - b. on the same day that they heard the message taught
22. How About You?
- a. pillows are promises
23. How many pillows has God provided for you to rest upon that you have failed to use?
- a. instead, we panic again and again
 - b. we cry out to Jesus for help and He stops the storm for us.....again
24. He wants us to grow up and claim the promises for ourselves.
25. We will make it to the other side. You will make it from:
- a. the place of poverty to prosperity
 - b. the place of sickness and disease to healing and wholeness
 - c. fear filled days to faith filled living
 - d. from persecution to peace
 - e. from tribulation to trust

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