



LET'S GO DEEPER

WHEN JESUS ... Wants us to Grow - May 26th 2024 - Pastor Peter

Mark 4:3-9 "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!' Then He said, 'Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.'"

1. We Grow In Our Gifts

Jesus wants us to grow in our gifts.

1 Peter 4:10 "God has given each of you a gift from His great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

We have the gifts of the Spirit.

A word of wisdom, which is supernatural insight into a situation.

A word of knowledge, which is supernatural knowledge you couldn't have without God telling you.

The gift of faith is extreme faith for a specific situation.

The gift of healing is a gift for somebody to be physically healed.

The gift of miracles is a gift to see the miraculous happen.

The gift of prophecy is sharing a message from God.

The gift of distinguishing between spirits lets you know if it's God's Spirit, an angelic spirit, a demonic spirit or the human spirit that's at work.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why do Jesus want us to grow in our gifts?

2. Why should we engage our gifts?

3. Are some gifts better than others?



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we'll be seeking Him for that anointing. And that growth happens within the context of freedom.

Freedom to Pray

Heb. 4:16 "So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."

Don't stop praying. Don't stop believing. Don't stop trusting.

Here's a word from God for you.

Isa. 59:1 "Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is His ear too deaf to hear you call."

Keep believing. Keep seeking. Keep calling out to God.

We walk by what we believe, not by what we see.

Freedom to Read

Matt. 4:4 "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The Bible is food to our spirits and life to our souls.

The Bible reveals God, it shows us what He's like and it guides our every step.

Don't get your information from the wrong source.

You aren't going to find ultimate truth online.

Freedom to Obey

John 14:21 "Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me."

Our love for Jesus is evidenced by our obedience to Him. And when we obey Him He shows Himself to us. If you aren't seeing God working in your life it could be because your obedience is soft. Obedience triggers revelation.

QUESTIONS:

1. What happens if we grow in God?

2. What is the context in which this growth happens?

3. Can you explain in your own words the importance of having the freedom to pray, read, obey, share, and trust?
