



## ***The Answer is in Our Mothers***

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- a woman can receive a seed
- a woman can grow a seed
- a mother can nurture a seed
- a mother can influence a seed
- a mother can be blessed by a seed

### **Seed**

- **literal** -- Mark 4:26 -- *And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;*
- **metaphorical** – Luke 8:11 -- *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.*
- **natural**
- **spiritual**

### **Mothers, trust in the Spiritual Seed! That is where the answers are.**

#### **Luke 1:26-38 (New King James Version)**

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word.**" And the angel departed from her.



## **The quality of your seed determines the quality of your harvest.**

### **Matthew 13:1-23 (New Living Translation)**

1 Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. 2 A large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat there and taught as the people stood on the shore. 3 He told many stories in the form of parables, such as this one: "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. 4 As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. 5 Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! 9 Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

10 His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?" 11 He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. 12 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. 13 That is why I use these parables, For they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. 14 This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, 'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend. 15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.' 16 "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17 I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it.

18 "Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds: **19 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts. 20 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 21 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. 22 The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced. 23 The seed that fell on good soil represents those who truly hear and understand God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"**



#### **A woman can receive a seed.**

- **Receive:** to take into one's possession to have (something) bestowed, conferred, etc.: to have delivered or brought to one: to get or be informed of: to receive instructions; to receive news. to hold, bear, or contain: to take into the mind; apprehend mentally: to receive an idea. to accept from another
- **able**
- **willing**
- **fertile**

#### **A woman can grow a seed.**

- **In the growth process you must:**
  - feed it,
  - be patient,
  - have faith.

#### **A mother can nurture a seed.**

- **Nurture:** 1.to feed and protect: to nurture one's offspring. 2.to support and encourage, as during the period of training or development; foster: to nurture promising musicians. 3.to bring up; train; educate. *–noun* 4. rearing, upbringing, training, education, or the like. 5. development: the nurture of young artists. 6. something that nourishes; nourishment; food.

#### **A mother can influence a seed.**

- **Influence:** 1.the capacity or power of persons or things to be a compelling force on or produce effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of others: He used family influence to get the contract. 2.the action or process of producing effects on the actions, behavior, opinions, etc., of another or others: Her mother's influence made her stay. 3.a person or thing that exerts influence: He is an influence for the good.

#### **Seed-faith is sowing something God gave to you to create something else God promised you.**

- A mother can be blessed by a seed.

#### **God never allows you to go through something without a way of escape!**

##### **1 Corinthians 10:13 (New King James Version)**

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.



**Hebrews 13:5 (The Message)**

5-6 Don't be obsessed with getting more material things. Be relaxed with what you have. Since God assured us, "I'll never let you down, never walk off and leave you," we can boldly quote,

God is there, ready to help;

I'm fearless no matter what.

Who or what can get to me?

**1 John 5:14-15 (New Living Translation)**

14 And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. 15 And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.