

Luke 8:5-8

"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Did you know that the Prophet Jeremiah never had one convert, neither did Noah, even though they preached the word of God all their lives and did exactly what God told them to do. What about Jonah? Well he preached one of the shorts messages recorded in the bible and all of Nineveh converted. Unlike Jeremiah and Noah, Jonah was even disobedient to God at first.

I share the gospel all the time on this website as well as on social media, yet I have no converts that I know of in my ministry. Where as, Pastor Greg Laurie preaches in a stadium and thousands respond.

What about you? Do you get frustrated because you don't see great things happening in what you are doing for the Lord? Look at the first sentence in today's devotional.

A sower went out to sow his seed.

Sounds pretty simple, right? After all, it was the sowers job to sow the seed. Yet, even though it was his job, he did not say, "I'm not going to sow the seed because some may fall on bad ground." Yet how many don't want to share the gospel, even though we are told to by Jesus, or even do something in church or outside of the church because they think it will fail or not be sown in the hearts (good soil) of those who will turn to Jesus?

Just as Jeremiah and Noah were not concerned with the outcome of what God told them to do, neither should we be. We should be like them and be obedient to what God has called us to do, and it's God who knows the heart of each man and woman who we share the gospel with, and what type of soil they have in their heart. He also knows what the outcome will be when He sends us out.

Here is another thought. I don't read where Jesus tells us to lead hundreds of thousands to salvation. No, He said to just preach the gospel, and He does not give us a number to shoot for. In fact, if you read what Jesus said, He already told us that some will believe and some will not believe when we do share the gospel.

✠ **Mark 16:15-16** *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."* (underlined for emphasis)

So don't be fearful in sharing the gospel or in a ministry or even the outcome, but ask the Lord to fill you with His love to do His will, and leave the rest up to Him. Because His perfect love will

cast out the fear that you have, and remember that the enemy only wants to torment you with fear in what the Lord has called you to do.

‡ **1 John 4:18** *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.* (underlined for emphasis)