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The Parable Of The Seed By Vince Dorazio

Jesus was asked why he spoke to the people in parables? He answered them in this way, **"I use parables when I speak to them because they look but do not see; they listen but do not hear or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them which says;**

'Listen as you will, you shall not understand, look intently as you will, you shall not see. Sluggish indeed is this people's heart. They have scarcely heard with their ears, they have firmly closed their eyes; otherwise they might see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn back to me, and I will heal them.'

But blest are your eyes because they see, and blest are your ears because they hear. I assure you, many a prophet and saint longed to see what you see but did not see it; to hear what you hear but did not hear it." (Matthew 13:13-17)

Jesus then continued to explain the parable of the farmer who went along sowing seed along the footpath.

THE WAY OF THE WORLD

The seed is the word of God that we hear often and we do not have an understanding as to what it means for us. Many times we attend church services and prayer meetings and as often as we hear the scripture readings we have little or no understanding of what it means for us today. The bible stories and parables seem to belong to an ancient time and culture that we cannot relate to in our modern society. The ways of the world are sometimes so great that we yield to those temptations (the birds eat up what little understanding we have of God's word).



THE ROCKY GROUND

This is when God's word is heard with a joyful heart and mind but only last for a short period of time. For instance, each year on Easter and Christmas, our churches are filled to capacity. But during the rest of the year, only a remnant remains. It is the same with Prayer Meetings and Healing Masses. People flock from one Healing Mass to another, but only a few remain each week at the prayer meetings. This is the person who receives the message with joy but has no roots and commitment and usually stops attending church and prayer meetings.

THE THORN BUSHES

This is the seed that was sown in fairly good people. The word of God begins to take root, but the problems and the lure of the world's temptations, such as riches, sex, drugs, etc. begin to have a stronger hold. The weeds and thorns are like a bramble bush and choke off God's word and we can produce nothing.

THE GOOD SOIL

When the word of God is heard there is a joyful understanding. This is the person who puts into practice of what is heard and seen. This person is committed to attend church and prayer meetings every week and will become a witness to God's word. They will be instrumental in bringing other people to know Jesus in a more personal way. They will **"bear a yield of hundred, or sixty, or thirtyfold."**

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

When the Lord sowed the seeds of the Charismatic Renewal in the late 1960's and 1970's there were crowds of people coming to a new life in the Holy Spirit. For a while through the 1970's and 1980's weekly prayer meetings sprang up everywhere. There were groups of 25, 50, 100, and more. There was a sense of immediate joy in the Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit of tongues, prophecies and healings were being manifested at many prayer meetings. People's lives were being renewed and transformed in a new way.

But by the late 1980's the presence of the Holy Spirit began to wear thin in many groups. Many of the gifts of the Holy Spirit seemed to be watered down and in some cases ceased to exist in the prayer meeting. Weekly attendance began to drop and some groups no longer were meeting. It seemed as if the seeds of renewal that the Lord had sown had fallen on **"rocky ground."**

Those who once were full of joy in the Holy Spirit and excited about Jesus and receiving the new life of the Spirit were no longer involved. Many said they were too involved with other things in their lives and didn't have time to be at the weekly prayer meetings. Could it have been that the **"way of the world"** now took up most of their time? The seeds that the Lord had sown had not taken root; there was no commitment.

There are still many others who still consider being involved in the Charismatic Renewal but do not attend the weekly prayer meetings. They usually attend Days Of Renewal, Conferences, Healing Masses and whenever a special speaker is at the meeting. I refer this as the **"bramble bush"** variety.

But thank God for the remnant that still exists every week. While the gifts of the Holy Spirit may be weak in some instances, the seeds of renewal have taken root. As small as some of these prayer groups seem to be now, I believe that the

Lord desires that they will yield **"thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold!"** Growth will come just as it did with the Apostles in the early church. Jesus said, **"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."** (Matthew 18:20)

WHERE DO YOU STAND

The seed of the Holy Spirit has been sown in **your** path of life. Has it taken root? Or has it fallen on rocky ground? Or maybe you are caught up in the bramble bush? Whatever the case, now is an appropriate time to reconsider your commitment and involvement in the Charismatic Renewal. Turn to the Holy Spirit and ask for His direction in your life. St. Paul reminds us, **"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus."** (Phil. 1:6)

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PRAYER REQUESTS

If you are in need of a healing prayer support, we would like to include you in our daily prayers. Mail in your prayer request and we will add your request to our prayer list. **Please also remember to pray for all those in need of your prayers.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are looking for people to volunteer for our upcoming Holy Spirit Conference on October 1. & 2, 2010 in the following areas: **Ushers, Greeters, Word Gift Ministry, Prayer Teams, and General Helpers.** If you can help in any way, we will appreciate your service. Please call Vince at 612-243-9411 or Mark at 612-282-9896.

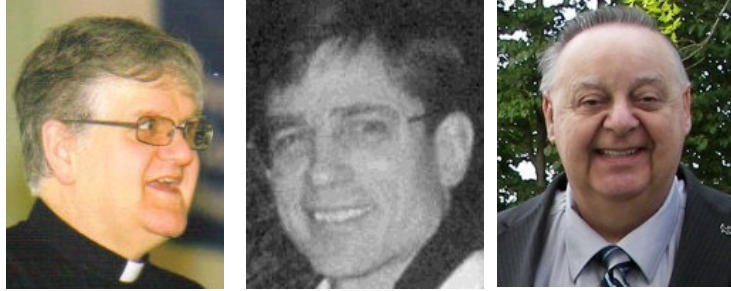
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Please send a donation of \$8 for each book to:

**New Life CRM
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HOLY SPIRIT CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
J E S U S --- T h e K e y T o L i f e

Friday Oct 1, 2010 7 PM & Saturday Oct 2, 2010 8 AM-4 PM
St. Albert's Catholic Church East 29th St. & 32nd Ave. So., Minneapolis



Fr. Bill Halbing Fr. Don Piche Vince Dorazio

Speakers

Fr. Bill Halbing is from the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. He is the pastor of St. Antoninus Catholic Church in Newark, a Spirit filled Charismatic parish. Fr. Bill has been in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1975 and is a much sought after bible teacher. He has spoken at many Catholic national and international conferences, days of renewals and revival meetings. He is currently actively involved in door-to-door evangelization and serves on the Evangelism Commission in Newark. Fr. Bill is a dynamic charismatic speaker.

Fr. Don Piche is the co-pastor of St. Joseph The Worker Catholic Church in Maple Grove MN. Fr. Don served as the Director of the Catholic Youth Center in Minneapolis and has been in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for over 35 years.

Vince Dorazio is the director of New Life Charismatic Renewal Ministry and co-leader of the People of Joy Charismatic Prayer Meetings at St. Albert's Catholic Church in Minneapolis. Vince has been in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal since 1972.

Free-Will Offerings

There is NO CHARGE to attend this conference or for the lunch. However, there will be Free-Will Offerings taken during the weekend to cover the conference expenses. Please be as generous as possible.

Registration

Register by phone: Call 612-243-9411 or by email: Vincent@NewLifeCRM.org

Donations accepted to help cover the cost of the conference by Credit Card Visa & MasterCard.

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PRAYER MEETINGS

THURSDAYS 7:30 PM

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Minneapolis MN
(1 Block North of Lake Street)
Call ahead for Handicap
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612-282-9896

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JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!