Matthew 13:1-9 (Mark 4:1-9) **The Parable of the Sower**

* Mat 13:16  But you, how blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your **ears**, because they hear!
  + Mat 13:30 (Who is gathered first during the harvest?)
    - Mat 13:24 **The Parable of the Weeds**
    - Mat 13:36 **The Parable of the Weeds Explained**
* Mat 13:43  Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Whoever has **ears**, let him hear!
  + **Daniel 12:3** But those who can discern will shine like the brightness of heaven's dome, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

Mark 4:21-25 **A Lamp Under a Basket**

* Mar 4:23  Those who have **ears** to hear with, let them hear!"
  + Mar 4:24  He also said to them, "Pay attention (be wise H6493) to what you are **hearing**! The measure with which you measure out will be used to measure to you—and more besides!
    - Can you believe people are willing to risk being mean spirited, disingenuous, spiteful, hurtful toward others, and shaming others knowing that they will be repaid by the same measure they measured out … plus more!
      * God is just
      * His throne is established on justice and righteousness
        + Psalms 89:14
      * There will be no justification for our wicked actions or words.

Mark 7:14-23 **What Defiles a Person**

* Mar 7:16  If any hath ears to hear—let him hear.' (YLT)
* Mar 7:16  [*"Anyone who has ears that can hear, let him hear!"*] (CJB)

Luke 14:34-35 **Salt Without Taste Is Worthless**

* Cost of discipleship precedes

Mat 11:13  For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied until Yochanan. 11:14 Indeed, if you are willing to accept it, he is Eliyahu, whose coming was predicted. **11:15** If you have ears, then hear!

**Mark 8:1-10 Yeshua feeds the Four Thousand**

**Mark 8:18 You have eyes—don't you see? You have ears—don't you hear? And don't you remember?**

* + (8:17) Yeshua asks “Don’t you see and understand?
    - Have your hearts been made like stone?
* Like the children of Israel, had the talmidim witnessed the miracles but missed the spiritual significance of the miracles?
* Was He revealing that even though they have seen numerous miracles and experienced firsthand His divine power, they still struggle to grasp the deeper spiritual truths He is trying to convey?
* We are challenged, just as the Talmidim were to have understanding and embrace His truth.
  + This will require a level of spiritual insight and perception that goes beyond mere observation of miracles or external demonstrations of power.
    - (The children of Israel in the wilderness)
* Mark records a powerful reminder of the importance of perception and understanding in our lives.
* It questions our ability to truly see and hear the world around us.
* It’s suggesting that even though we see with our physical eyes and hear with our ears,
* We may still lack spiritual or emotional insight to fully lay hold of the truth.
* We are challenged to reflect on whether we truly see the messages of life or if we are simply going through the motions without taking the time to truly see and hear what the Father is saying.
* Serves as a reminder that true understanding of the word goes beyond intellectual knowledge or surface-level observations.
* We must have a deeper level of spiritual awareness and openness to the truths that are being revealed.
* It requires a willingness to let go of preconceived notions, biases, and personal interpretations to fully grasp the profound wisdom and transformative power of the word and its message.
* We are instructed to approach teachings with humility, openness, and a sincere desire to allow them to penetrate our hearts and minds, guiding us towards a deeper relationship with God.
* And a more authentic expression of His Spirit and presence in our lives.
* Looking at the talmidim/disciples we can see their struggle to comprehend.

Open your heart in the deepest way!

Are you ready to see and hear more clearly during your journey with Him?