
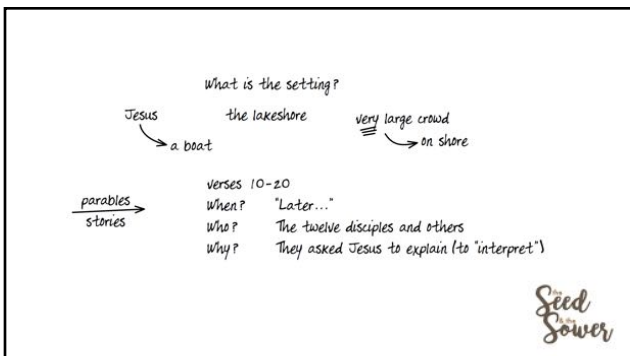




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"Do not harden your hearts...do not be a people whose hearts go astray."
Psalm 95

"...hearts calloused...ears dull...eyes closed"
Isaiah 6

"get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."
James 1

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Hebrews 3


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"And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love."
Ephesians 3:17 (The Living Bible)



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