

Matthew 13:13-16 (NIV)

¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

**“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.**

¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

**“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.**

**¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears, and they have
closed their eyes.**

**Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears, understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.’**

**¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and
your ears because they hear.**

Ephesians 3:16-19 (NIV)

**¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may
strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your
inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your
hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being
rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power,
together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how
wide and long and high and deep is the love of
Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses
knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of
all the fullness of God.**

Lets Get Behind Him

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A Heart to Get Behind Him

Mark 3:7-12 (NIV) - Crowds Follow Jesus

**⁷ Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the lake, and a
large crowd from Galilee followed. ⁸ When they heard
about all he was doing, many people came to him from
Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, and the regions across the
Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹ Because of the
crowd he told his disciples to have a small boat ready
for him, to keep the people from crowding him. ¹⁰ For he
had healed many, so that those with diseases were
pushing forward to touch him. ¹¹ Whenever the impure
spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried
out, “You are the Son of God.” ¹² But he gave them
strict orders not to tell others about him**

Mark 4:1-20(NIV) The Parable of the Sower

4 Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. **2** He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: **3** "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.**4** As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. **5** Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. **6** But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. **8** Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

9 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

10 When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables. **11** He told them, "The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables **12** so that,

"they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!"

13 Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? **14** The farmer sows the word. **15** Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. **16** Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. **17** But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. **18** Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; **19** but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. **20** Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.