



# Heart-to-Heart

## The Provisions of Jesus When My Back is Against the Wall

Week 7 | November 9, 2017

On the back of the Heart to Heart card: Briefly write about the situation or person that could consume your heart with worry, your prayers, and more if you let it.

Read the miraculous account and answer the following question: What changed the situation to usher in the miracle?

- Jesus miraculously calms the storm; read Mark 4:35–41.
- Jesus miraculously heals Jairus' daughter; read Mark 5:21–42.
- Jesus miraculously feeds 5000+ and 4000+; read Mark 6:30–44 and if you have time, Mark 8:1–9.
- Jesus miraculously walks on water; read Mark 6:45–52.
- Jesus miraculously heals the Greek woman's daughter; read Mark 7:24–30.

When your back's against the wall \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 4:1-25 New King James Version (NKJV)

The Parable of the Sower

And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea. <sup>2</sup> Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

<sup>3</sup> "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup> And it happened, as he sowed, *that* some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. <sup>8</sup> But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

<sup>9</sup> And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

### The Purpose of Parables

<sup>10</sup> But when He was alone, those around Him with the twelve asked Him about the parable. <sup>11</sup> And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables,<sup>12</sup> so that 'Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And *their* sins be forgiven them.'"<sup>[c]</sup>

### The Parable of the Sower Explained

<sup>13</sup> And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. <sup>16</sup> These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup> and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. <sup>18</sup> Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they are* the ones who hear the word, <sup>19</sup> and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. <sup>20</sup> But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

### Light Under a Basket

<sup>21</sup> Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup> For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. <sup>23</sup> If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>24</sup> Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. <sup>25</sup> For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

Hear: \_\_\_\_\_

Word: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mark 10:27 (Matthew 17:20; Luke 1:37 and 18:27)

impossible: without strength, impotent, powerless, disabled

nothing: no thing

Luke 1:37

Nothing: no \_\_\_\_\_

Rhema Word:

What the Lord says to you when your back is against the wall, He will enable you to do. And what He says He is going to do, you can believe He will.

There are two words for the "word" in the Word of God:

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Logos:

John 1:1 In the beginning was the **LOGOS** and the **LOGOS** was with God and the **LOGOS** was God.

John 15:7 If you remain in Me, and my **RHEMAS** remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."

Rhema:

1 Peter 1:23-25 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring **LOGOS** of God. For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the **RHEMA** of the Lord endures forever." -And this is the **RHEMA** that was preached to you.

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1. Rhema is a \_\_\_\_\_ word spoken to the spirit, not necessarily to the mind.
2. Rhema will never contradict \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus said, "Man does not live on bread alone but on every RHEMA that comes from the mouth of God ..."

"When we fear tomorrow may be more difficult than today — when we feel like butter scraped over too much bread — God wants us to feed upon his promises ... These promises are ours because we have a Savior who conquered sin and death and evil. When Jesus, the True Israelite, felt the duress of forty days in the wilderness — alone, with no food, and assaulted by the tempter — his faith in his Father's provision never wavered. Satan mocked him, targeting what he thought could be Jesus's breaking point, saying, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread" (Matthew 4:3). But in that moment, Jesus told the devil, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4)" - Pastor Benjamin Vrbicek, Community Evangelical Free Church in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Rhema is \_\_\_\_\_.

Rhema is an utterance of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Rhema will \_\_\_\_\_.

Rhema will always bring \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 55:10-12

On the front of the Heart to Heart card:

- Think of a word that is the opposite of what you wrote on the back. Look that word up in your bible concordance.
- Read the verses listed with that word in it (in your bible concordance) and choose one that resonates with your heart.
- Write it on the Heart to Heart card.

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## Further Study:

1. Read Mark chapters 5-8
2. Read chapter 20, *Little Children Do What They Are Told* in the companion book, "The Kingdom Belongs to Little Children."

Is there something that you sense the Lord is telling you to do or not do as your back is against the wall? If so, write it below.

Trust His good heart and intentions and obey Him in what He's saying/what you wrote.

3. Over the next week, with the word on your Heart to Heart postcard, do the following:
  - Meditate on it.
  - Look it up in [www.NetBible.com](http://www.NetBible.com)
  - Study a main word or two.
    - What are some synonyms of that word?
    - What does that word mean in English? Use a dictionary.
    - What does the word mean in Hebrew or Greek?
    - Where else is that word used in Scripture?
  - Personalize it.