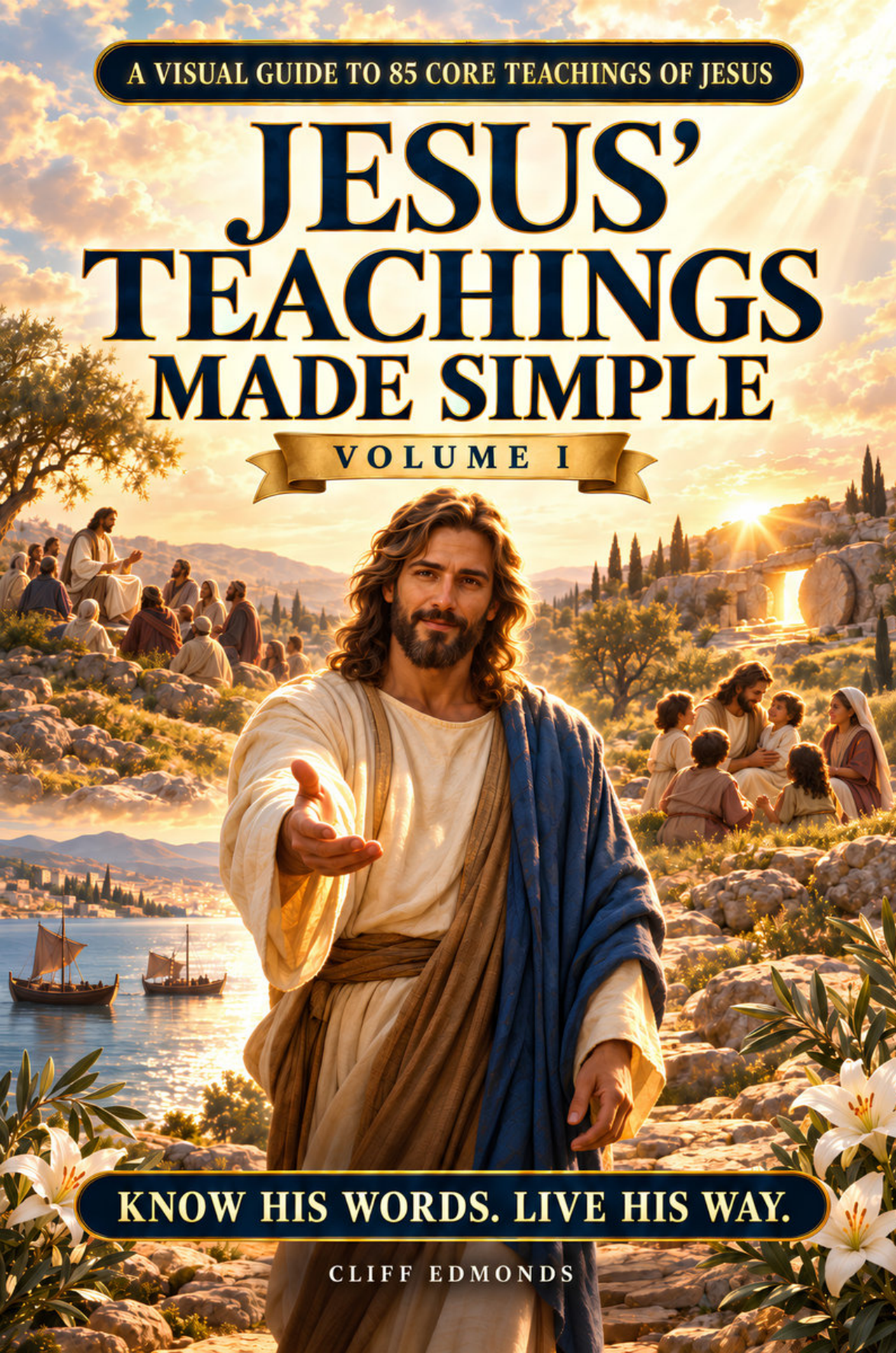
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A Word Before You Begin

The Words That Changed Everything



Jesus never wrote a book. He never held an office, commanded an army, or traveled far from the land where He was born. Yet His words have been spoken in more languages, in more homes, and in more hard moments than any words in history.

He spoke on hillsides and in boats, at dinner tables and beside wells. He spoke to fishermen and tax collectors, to grieving sisters and to religious leaders. His teachings were simple enough for a child to remember and deep enough to study for a lifetime.

But many of us know His words only in pieces. We know "Love your enemies" and "Do not worry about tomorrow." We know the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Yet we have rarely seen them gathered together, side by side, so that we can understand what Jesus was really teaching us.

✦ That is why this book exists. ✦

How Each Teaching Works

Every teaching opens as a two-page spread.
The left page shows it. The right page explains it.

The Left Page: See It



1 Category and Title
The emblem at the top shows which of the ten themes you are in.

2 The Heart of It
One gold banner sums up the whole teaching in a single line.

3 The Hero Scene
Jesus teaching, with His own words set inside the picture.

4 How Jesus Lived It
Three Gospel moments where Jesus did what He taught, each with its reference.

5 Living His Words
A believer living the teaching today, with one simple step to take.

THE TEN CATEGORIES AT A GLANCE

The 85 teachings in this book are gathered into ten themes. Each has its own gold emblem, shown at the top of every page in that theme.



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The surprising people Jesus calls blessed, and the upside-down values of His Kingdom.

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Prayer & Spiritual Life

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

"But when you pray,
go into your room, close the door,
and pray to your Father,
who is unseen."

MATTHEW 6:6 (BSB)



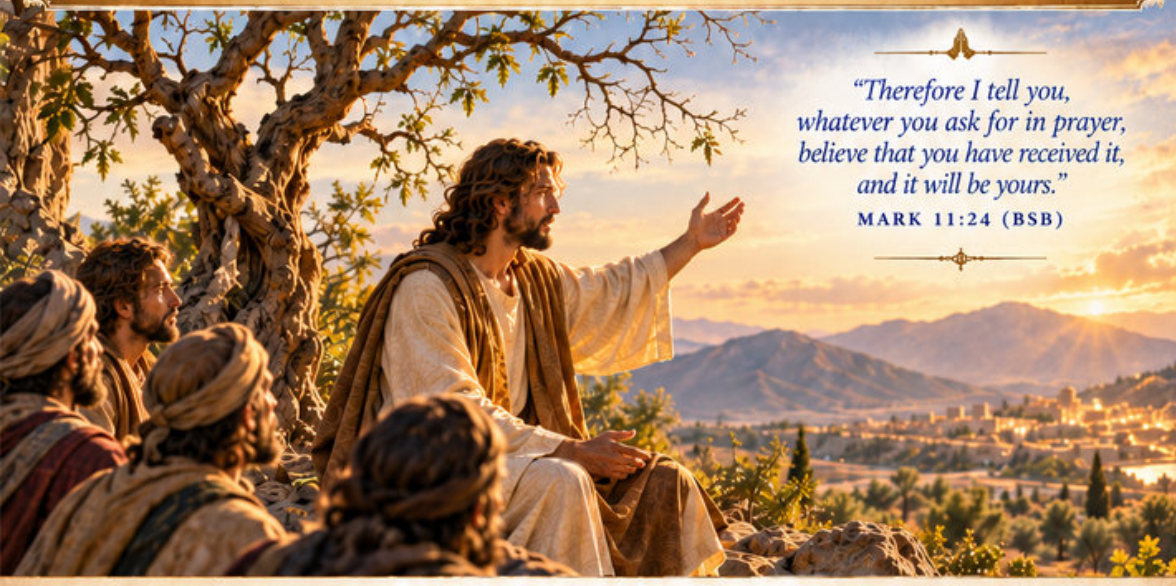
Prayer is where the soul meets its Maker and is quietly renewed. Here Jesus teaches us to seek the Father honestly, faithfully, and in the secret place of the heart.

MATTHEW 6:6 (BSB)

Whatever You Ask in Prayer, Believe

MARK 11:22-24

Pray with confident faith that God hears and answers.



"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."
MARK 11:24 (BSB)

How Jesus Lived It



Prayed and gave thanks before raising Lazarus.
JOHN 11:41-42 (BSB)



Healed two blind men: "According to your faith."
MATTHEW 9:27-30 (BSB)



Promised the Spirit to remain with them always.
JOHN 14:16-17 (BSB)

Living His Words

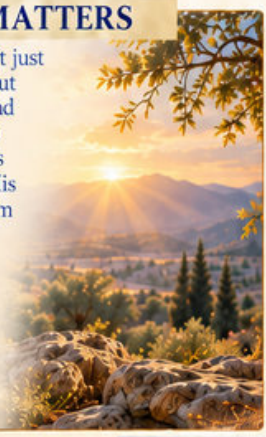


Pray with confidence, trusting that God hears you and will answer.

Whatever You Ask in Prayer, Believe

Pray with confident faith that God hears and answers.

WHY IT MATTERS



Jesus teaches that prayer is not just about presenting our needs, but about trusting God's power and goodness. When we pray with faith, believing that God hears us, we align our hearts with His will and open the door for Him to work. Faith-filled prayer strengthens our relationship with God, gives us peace in the waiting, and allows us to see His power at work in ways beyond what we can imagine.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- **Pray with faith.** Believe that God hears you and is able to answer (Mark 11:24).
- **Align with God's will.** Ask according to His purposes, not just your own desires (1 John 5:14).
- **Be specific.** Bring your needs, concerns, and hopes to God clearly and honestly.
- **Persist in prayer.** Keep praying, even when the answer takes time (Luke 18:1).
- **Give thanks in advance.** Trust God's goodness and thank Him for what He will do (Philippians 4:6).
- **Live in obedience.** A heart that follows Jesus builds confidence in prayer (John 15:7).

SUMMARY

Jesus invites us to pray with bold, confident faith, knowing that God hears us and is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine. Faith-filled prayer is not a formula, but a trusting relationship with a loving Father who answers according to His perfect will, in His perfect timing.

KEY VERSE

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

MARK 11:24 (BSB)

KEY THEMES

Faith in God's Power
Believe that God is able to do what seems impossible.

Prayer in His Will
Pray according to God's purposes and trust His perfect timing.

Perseverance and Trust
Keep praying with confidence, knowing God hears and answers.

SYMBOLISM & CONTEXT



In Jewish culture, mountains often represented great obstacles. By saying that faith can move a mountain, Jesus was using vivid language to show the incredible power of trusting God in prayer. This teaching encourages us to bring even our biggest challenges to God, believing that nothing is impossible for Him (Luke 1:37).

A PRAYER



Lord Jesus,
Thank You that I can come to the Father in Your name. Help me to pray with confident faith, trusting that You hear me and know what is best. When I face challenges, increase my faith and remind me that nothing is impossible for You. Teach me to pray according to Your will, to wait with patience, and to give thanks, knowing You are always at work. May my prayers bring glory to You and draw me closer to the Father. Amen.

The Parables of Jesus

KINGDOM TRUTH IN STORY



In simple stories drawn from everyday life, Jesus hides treasures of Kingdom truth. Here seeds, lost sheep, and returning sons reveal the heart of God to all who listen.

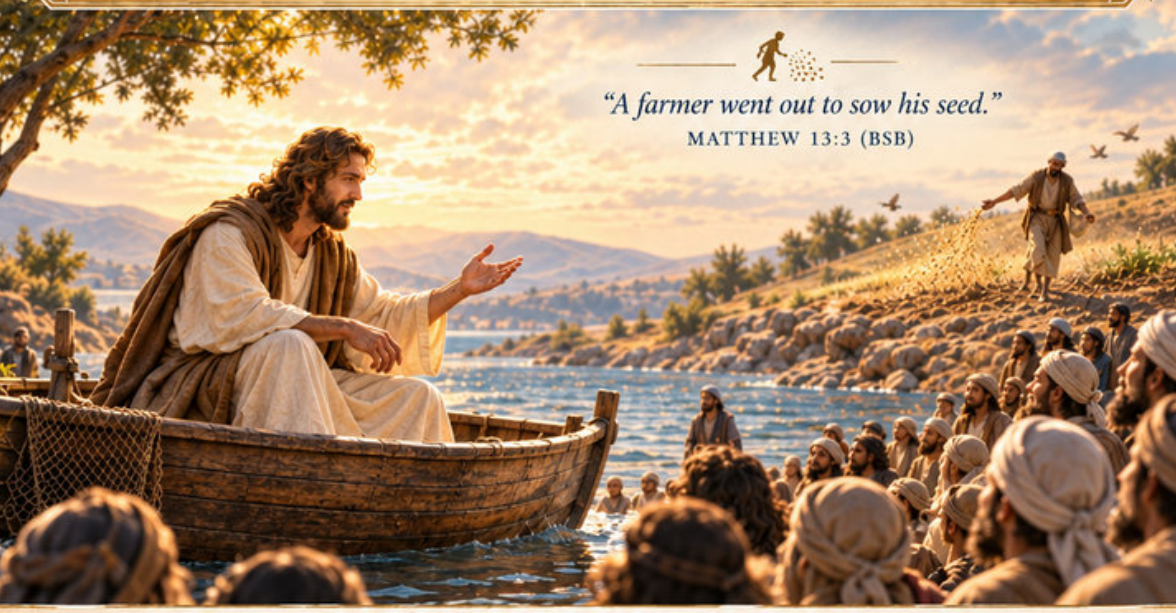
MATTHEW 13:3-9 (BSB)

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

The Sower and the Soils

MATTHEW 13:3-9

The condition of your heart determines what takes root.



"A farmer went out to sow his seed."
MATTHEW 13:3 (BSB)

How Jesus Lived It



Jesus told the parable of the sower.
MATTHEW 13:3-9 (BSB)



Jesus explained the four soils to His disciples.
MATTHEW 13:18-23 (BSB)



Jesus taught in parables to the gathered crowds.
MARK 4:1-2 (BSB)

Living His Words



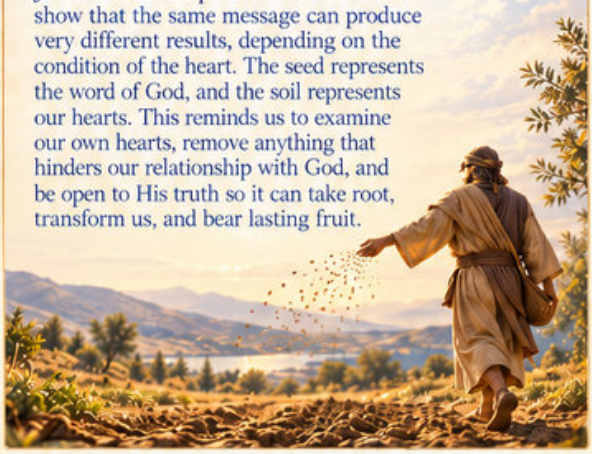
Plant God's truth in a ready heart, and it will grow.

The Sower and the Soils

The condition of your heart determines what takes root.

WHY IT MATTERS

Jesus teaches the parable of the sower to show that the same message can produce very different results, depending on the condition of the heart. The seed represents the word of God, and the soil represents our hearts. This reminds us to examine our own hearts, remove anything that hinders our relationship with God, and be open to His truth so it can take root, transform us, and bear lasting fruit.



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- **Examine your heart.** Ask God to reveal any attitudes, distractions, or worries that may be hardening your heart.
- **Stay open to God's Word.** Approach Scripture with a teachable and expectant heart.
- **Remove distractions.** Let go of the things that choke your spiritual growth, such as anxiety, worldly desires, or unhealthy habits.
- **Persevere in faith.** Don't give up when growth is slow. Keep listening, learning, and trusting God's timing.
- **Put God's Word into practice.** Obedience helps the truth take root and produce fruit in your life.
- **Share what you have received.** As you grow, look for opportunities to encourage others with the hope and truth of the Gospel.

SUMMARY

The parable of the sower shows that God's Word has the power to transform lives, but the results depend on the condition of our hearts. When we listen with faith, remove what hinders us, and obey what we learn, the Word takes root and produces a harvest that honors God.

KEY VERSE

"A farmer went out to sow his seed."

MATTHEW 13:3 (BSB)

KEY THEMES

The Word of God
The seed represents God's truth, which has the power to transform lives.

The Condition of the Heart
The soil represents our hearts, which can be hard, shallow, distracted, or receptive.

A Harvest for God's Kingdom
A receptive heart produces a harvset of good fruit that glorifies God and blesses others.

SYMBOLISM & CONTEXT



In this parable, the seed represents the word of God. The four types of soil show different heart conditions: the hardened path, the shallow soil, the thorny ground, and the good soil. Jesus taught this parable to explain why people respond differently to His message and to call us to prepare our hearts so that God's Word can take root and produce a lasting harvest.

PRAYER



Lord, examine my heart and show me anything that keeps Your Word from taking root. Remove distractions, soften my heart, and help me to listen, obey, and grow. Plant Your truth deep within me so that it produces fruit in my life and blesses others. Use me to share Your love and hope with those around me. Amen.

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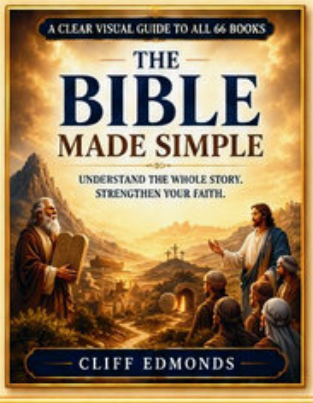
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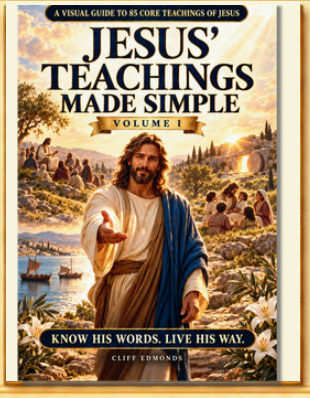
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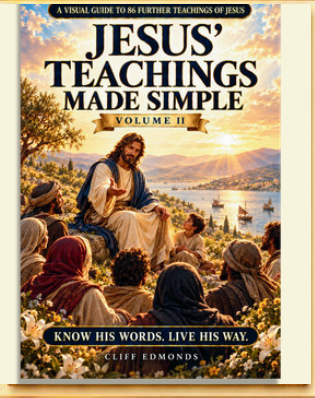
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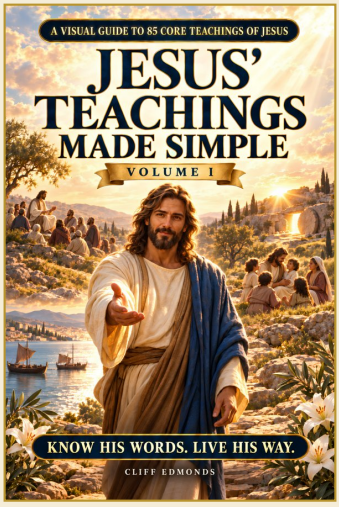
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