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SERMON NOTES

Mark 4:1-25 • Pastor Dan Nold

A MARK  
Stories of the Untamed Jesus

## THE MARK OF A LISTENER

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100x Harvest

### SO LISTEN

Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant. He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders, so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled: 'When they see what I do, they will learn nothing. When they hear what I say, they will not understand. Otherwise, they will turn to me and be forgiven.'" Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables?"

Mark 4:10-13 (NLT)

DEVELOP divine curiosity.

"The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away." Mark 4:15 (NLT)

STAY SOFT; forgive.

"The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word." Mark 4:16-17 (NLT)

DIG DEEP; focus on others.

"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced."

Mark 4:18-19 (NLT)

CULTIVATE FOR one thing.

"And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" Mark 4:20 (NLT)

RESPOND relentlessly.

### MY CHOICE:

Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given -- and you will receive even more. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them." Mark 4:24-25 (NLT)

Feast or Famine

# upcoming events

FOR MORE INFO: [WWW.CALVARYSC.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS](http://WWW.CALVARYSC.ORG/UPCOMING-EVENTS)

Sun	4/25	12:30pm	<b>Monthly College Luncheon/Sr. EXIT</b>
		4-6pm	<b>Quarterly Congregational Meeting</b>
Tues	4/27	7pm	Midtown Prayer Meeting
Wed	4/28	9:30am	Heart-to-Heart
Thur	4/29	7pm	Equipping Night
Fri	4/30	5pm	College Student Care Package Donation Deadline
Tues-Wed	5/4-5	---	Calvary Office Closed - Staff Retreat
Sat	5/8	7pm	ThirdPlace Celebration
Sat-Sun	5/8-9	---	<b>Child Dedications</b>
Sat	6/5	---	Men's Golf Tournament
Fri	6/18-28	---	Estonia Mission Trip
Mon	6/28-7/2	---	Calvary Kids' Sports Camp
Tue	6/29	6-8pm	Intro to Life Group Leadership
Mon	7/12-30	---	Rwanda Mission Trip

\*This list does not include recurring events.

Check Calvary's calendar for complete listing: [www.calvarysc.org/calendar](http://www.calvarysc.org/calendar)

## A Closer Look

**4/25 Quarterly Congregational Meeting** this Sunday! 4-5:30pm at Calvary 1250 (Rm.16/18).

**4/30 College Care Packages:** Please drop off all donations (chips, crackers, gums and baked goods – a favorite ☺) for the 500 college student care packages by 5pm, Fri., 4/30 in Calvary 1250 kitchen. Q's? Email [kathybell.wilson@gmail.com](mailto:kathybell.wilson@gmail.com)

**5/8-9 Child Dedications** scheduled for all gatherings. Interested? Contact [kendel@calvarysc.org](mailto:kendel@calvarysc.org) to register child by Fri., 4/30.

**Building Project Update:** Six members of the design firm, *Visioneering*, were at Calvary last week to conduct a master planning exercise known as a charrette. Thanks to all those who participated. It was a great re-start to our design process. Within the next week or so, we will begin a 30-day review period to fine-tune the Harvest Fields master plan. Once complete, the next step will be to determine the sequence and phasing of the plan. Also, construction for the new access road could begin as early as May 3 and is scheduled to be completed by December 15. Please pray that this schedule can be met and earth will finally begin to move in Boalsburg!

*New to Calvary?* Welcome! Please pick up a Guest Guide in the lobby.

# THE WEEKLY

4.24-25.10

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COLLEGE CITY-CHURCH

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*Last weekend, our worship gatherings were canceled in order to serve the community in the name of Christ. Here are reflections from one CityServe participant:*

*"When I first heard about CityServe, I thought it was a pretty cool idea. But this year, I wasn't really looking forward to the weekend. Honestly, I was groaning about being in the cold and wondering how we'd be serving Jesus by landscaping when there are people starving. What I didn't know is that there are starving people in State College – starving for help, attention, love, hope.*

*After serving at a project on Saturday morning, I jumped in the car with a project coordinator and we drove all over State College checking in on several teams. What I saw... changed my whole perspective of CityServe - and State College.*

*I saw teams spanning generational gaps to laugh and serve side by side. I saw humble, cheerful servants smiling against the bitter cold. I saw small children learning the lesson of service with the simple act of raking. I saw Calvary attenders become family. I heard how God provided someone to pay for the disposal of roof shingles (a huge sum!) and then the skilled workers to replace the roof – with heavenly weather cooperation.*

*And then I met some of those who were served. I heard the gushing of gratitude and amazement of such hard workers, who on several accounts did more than was asked. I saw tears. I heard hope in a voice who never gets a break, who doesn't have a finish line in sight. A landscaped yard became a delight instead of a heavy burden to a widow with three disabled children. I saw struggles that were foreign to me, but were in my 'backyard.'*

*Here, in my own 'backyard,' are a million opportunities to serve – some in seemingly small ways – but with a Kingdom impact that only God knows. It isn't for me to judge, or weigh the importance, but to follow, be obedient, and to sow the seeds. Perhaps the seeds that were planted last weekend were within our own hearts...of service, selflessness, surrender... Regardless, I know I can trust the One who will make the seeds grow... in His time.*

**What did YOU see last weekend? Share your CityServe God-story with us! [God-stories@calvarysc.org](mailto:God-stories@calvarysc.org)**



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