

The Sower

A reading on the Parable of The Sower from Luke 8:1-4

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Reader One: When a great crowd gathered

Two: Some fell among the thorns

Reader Two: Jesus knew how to draw a crowd

One: Up it sprang, down it went—strangled by the briers and branches

Reader Three: They came from all around—from this town, that town, everywhere a town-town

Three: So far, not doing so well.

One: Looking, longing, seeking, finding—they came

Two: Is this guy more interested in sowing than growing? There's a lot of scattering with little to show for it.

Two: Seeing them, Jesus told a parable

One: But wait

Three: Stories, really—tales of life in tune with God

Three: The story's not over—he kept sowing until...

One: Stories that opened a window to God's world and God's ways

Two: Some of the seed fell on good soil

Two: Stories that left some things to our imagination

One: Soil that was ready, soil that was waiting

Three: Kind of maddening—Jesus, why don't you just tell us what you mean?!

Three: Soil that took each seed—warmed it, watered it, watched it grow

One: Jesus, thanks for not telling us exactly what you meant—

Two: Not just grow—multiply!

Two: It's cool to figure some things out for ourselves

One: Not just a couple-fold—a hundred-fold!

One: This time it was a story of a sower

Three: Good thing he kept sowing—even when the seed wasn't growing

Three: The farmer-type—not the seamstress type

Two: Good thing he kept it up—instead of giving up

Two: Good thing—this sower wasn't following a pattern—he just scattered seed this way and that

One: What are the seeds we sow? (*slight pause*)

Three: Some fell on the rocks

Three: Do we have faith they're going to grow? (*slight pause*)

One: Up it sprang, down it went—withered for lack of moisture

Two: If so.....sow (*looking at audience*)

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