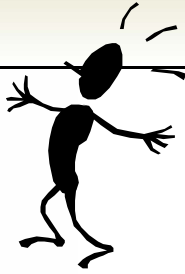


## “Assume Not Because Suddenly...”

By Mrs. Sojourner

Recently I witnessed a miracle and some things came to mind, as a result, concerning characteristics of miracles from our Heavenly Father.



Notes:

[a] Lk. 7:50, Eph. 2:8  
[b] Is. 51:11  
[c] Rom. 8:28

The need was overwhelming and no solution was in sight. The person in need was in agony but was also determined that God would provide—there was no question of this.

We prayed and waited for God—oh how he moved! Let us ponder these points.

- 1.) God responded to the faith, not to the need. <sup>[a]</sup>
- 2.) God not only took care of the need but provided for it overwhelmingly.
- 3.) The provision overtook the one in need. We could not see where the miracle provision was coming from, because if something overtakes you it comes from behind. <sup>[b]</sup>
- 4.) Do not assume who God will use to deliver the provision because he is likely to

use someone unexpected or seemingly unlikely.

5.) God’s timing and man’s timing are not always the same—many times in the Word God moved “suddenly.”

6.) God does not cause bad things to happen but he so enjoys entering into bad situations and turn them to the good for his beloved. <sup>[c]</sup>

7.) If the situation is bigger than you can take care of, then God will receive that much more glory for providing deliverance because, “it HAD to be God!”

If you are facing something that seems impossible, ponder these points. God is both able and willing to deliver you. Ask him for help, have faith that he will help, and watch for the suddenly!

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# Sojourning

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...with The Sojourner

## “You Are A Seed” (Teaching Sketch)

Luke 8: 5-15 (NIV)



Jesus, when he told the “Parable of the Sower,” set in motion several layers of understanding of the scriptures.

Notice, Jesus told this parable to everyone present and each person received spiritual food from the position they currently occupied.

### Where Seed Falls

A seed has little or no ability to determine where it falls and, therefore, is planted. The outcome of a seed and its germination are dependent upon where it is. We are the same! We are to grow and produce where we are planted or Holy Spirit dispatched!

Insight as to the challenges of life can be seen in the examples of what Jesus said happens to a non-husbanded seed. We must allow the Holy Spirit to husband us.

- Along path—trampled & eaten by birds of air

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- On rock - withered no moisture- no baptism
- Among thorns - choked by unbelievers
- On good soil - yields a hundredfold crop, 1) watered 2) encouraged 3) nourished.

Notes:

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### Have You Ears?

Do you have ears? Are you able to listen and are you teachable? Do you do what you hear is to be done? Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, (regular exposure to the Word)! We, unlike other seeds, are able to repair our conditions wherever we are. It is not the conditions in which we find ourselves but how we respond to conditions which determine our growth toward harvest. Our life's purpose is to grow a harvest as worship to God!

### His Disciples Asked

The secrets are yours if you will ask for them to be revealed to you. Jesus did not hesitate to explain the mean-

## Scripture: Luke 8:5-15 (NIV)

(NIV used to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

<sup>5</sup>"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>9</sup>His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, " "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing,

### Notes: [a]

Isaiah 6:9

they may not understand.<sup>[a]</sup>  
<sup>11</sup>"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup>The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup>But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

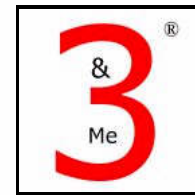
Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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True understanding comes via a regularly cultivated relationship with Christ. Believers have been given the gift of understanding—if you are a believer (one who trusts in, relies on Jesus the Christ) you can understand.

### Your Soil is the Key

You have control over yourself, where you grow and what you allow to grow in you. Your soil is your choice. The quality of the seed you are will depend upon how you nourish it.

### What Seeds Do you Pant?

Jesus made it clear that a seed that survives the knocks of life yields a harvest. When

Believers are transferred from this existence to their reward they are expected to have a harvest for The Kingdom.

Notice here the word "yields." When Believers produce, they must yield or give away (gift) some of themselves to produce seeds that will, in turn, grow healthily and, produce a hundred-fold crop. It is then Believers will reap a reward of blessing as good and faithful servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ! Grow, go, plant, and raise the crop of Christ!

Sojourners... yield good fruit and harvest unto the Lord their God.



Find 3 people to bless with the blessings of our Lord and all that is theirs by blood adoption, or assignment!