

## **Daily Devotions for the Week of May 20**

WDJS (What Did Jesus Say?)

### **Monday 5-20**

He said many things to them in parables: “A farmer went out to scatter seed. (Matthew 13.3) Jesus goes on to explain this parable 15 verses later when he says, Consider then the parable of the farmer. May we consider this parable and how we might grow.

### **Tuesday 5-21**

As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. (Matthew 13.4) Whenever people hear the word about the kingdom and don't understand it, the evil one comes and carries off what was planted in their hearts. Don't just take it to ear, take it to heart!

### **Wednesday 5-22**

Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. (Matthew 13.5-6) As for the seed that was spread on rocky ground, this refers to people who hear the word and immediately receive it joyfully. Because they have no roots, they last for only a little while. When they experience distress or abuse because of the word, they immediately fall away. Don't be shallow.

### **Thursday 5-23**

Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. (Matthew 13.7) As for the seed that was spread among thorny plants, this refers to those who hear the word, but the worries of this life and the false appeal of wealth choke the word, and it bears no fruit. Be in the world, but not overcome by it.

### **Friday 5-24**

Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. (Matthew 13.8) As for what was planted on good soil, this refers to those who hear and understand, and bear fruit and produce—in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. May it be so.

### **Saturday 5-25**

Everyone who has ears should pay attention. (Matthew 13.9) What do you hear from Jesus this week, and how will you apply it in your life? Come to worship this weekend to hear more.