



# Ready to Hear?



## READY TO HEAR?

Peter asks you, "Are You Ready to Hear?"



Peter is not shouting as some people do to try to make you understand.

That doesn't work well at all:  
if the person is deaf,  
maybe when they are very young  
or very old, or even if they  
don't understand Peter's language.



So I hope you are 'Ready to Hear' or at least read - maybe read it aloud, so that will relate to the story better. You will then know even more about the 'Good News' than the last 'Good News' story that was telling you what this 'GOOD NEWS' means.

Hear ... oh, I should type, here it is ....

**Some people are,  
and some are not,  
and some never will be.  
'Ready to Hear!'**



Jesus told this story to teach his team of Disciples (and us) about different types of people:

- a. How some will gladly receive His words.
- b. But others are just 'too busy.'

Some do take it on board = hear, and so they just know about the information. Some listen and gladly take it in - by adding it to their own way of thinking and doing things. Some keeping on taking it in and living their life in this new way – oh, that is 'Good News' **and more so, if it is a change from when they were NOT living a good way before.** (People around them might be the ones to notice the change ... and LIKE their changes!)

It is a truly wonderful story that illustrates our lives here on earth.  
(Maybe life on earth is getting us ready for Heaven?  
Apparently Heaven is a better place. So ... we're here practicing.)

The story tells us the wisdom - by the example of Farmers:

Everybody likes grown things and appreciates the farmer who grows it for us to eat and enjoy. Jesus told this story like this: (the answerer's version) (Probably while thinking about foood!)



A farmer was sowing seed so he could have a crop of probably wheat or corn, to make some money. No machinery back then and so the grain was thrown (scattered) by throwing handfuls into the ploughed field (paddock).

Some of the seeds fell on the pathway through the field and birds saw it and flew down and ate it. Other seed fell on stony ground. Other seed fell among thorns and thistles, so these weeds choked out much of the seed.

**However, some seed fell on the good soil.**

The seed on stony ground grew – but when the sun got hot the soil quickly dried out and the plant died. The seed in the good soil grew well, and in the end produced (grew) 30 seeds from one plant. Some did even better producing 60 grains, and some 100 grains from the one plant.

So it is the same with people who hear the 'Good News' (the Gospel of Jesus). Some are just too busy, maybe making money, and buying 'things' for the family. Others find it all a bit too hard to understand or believe. Maybe Satan comes to help some forget what they learnt. But others are glad to hear such 'Good News' and want to hear and understand more and more. They gladly produce the extra grains and spread the 'Good News' to others. (Check out a movie called 'Pay it Forward' about a boy with a good idea just like this.)

Those who hear the 'Good News' are the people who hear it, believe it and want to know more and serve God in any way He directs them - even to becoming missionaries to their own people. That is what Jesus meant in saying "...some produce 30, 60 or even 100 times what was sown by the 'Farmer' - meaning a Christian who shares the 'Good News' with others."

Just suppose now, that you were among those listening to Jesus telling this story:  
"Which group do you think you would be in?"

The first three are those who let 'things' - possessions and money - be first in their thinking. Others are just not interested. Some others get enthusiastic, but when troubles or persecution come along, or they blame God for bad things, and forget about the 'Good News' that they heard.



The 'Jesus Way' is not all happiness and good times. These experiences teach wise people many good things, if they will understand that God is not, maybe, in the hurry that they are in.

**Maybe now, stop and think: "Which group do you think you would WANT to be in?"  
If you know someone who trying to be a 'Good Seed' too – maybe tell them?  
You might encourage each other and learn the 'Jesus Way' together.**

Read the story for yourself in the Bible: Google: Mark 4.1-24 and Matthew 13:1-23