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Life Changing Pictures & Parables | Get Out of the Weeds and Prosper

Scripture tells us there's a path that leads to life and prosperity, and a path that leads to ruin. God teaches us, in his kindness, that we don't have to self-destruct. God doesn't bless every path though; He blesses the one rooted in His wisdom, His Word, His way. But far too often, we find ourselves stuck—not because God's promises failed, but because we never cleared the weeds. Jesus says the heart is like soil, and many look "prosper-ready" on the outside, but under the surface, weeds are choking out any chance at real fruitfulness. Weeds like distraction, pride, compromise, and unhealed wounds. They grow fast, silently, and strong—strong enough to suffocate the very thing God planted in you. We get to choose to get out of the weeds and prosper.

Key Scripture | Psalms 1:1-3

"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers."

Related Scriptures

— Matthew 13, Philippians 4:6-7, Matthew 6:25-34, Philippians 4:10-13, 1 Timothy 6: 6-

Icebreakers:

— Q: Do you like to garden? If so, what do you like to grow?

Key Thoughts and Reflections: _____

I. Weeds of worry choke out the life of God.

Q: Where in your life are you most prone to carry the burden of worry (e.g., finances, health, relationships)?

Q: What's the difference between planning and control? How can worry be disguised as wisdom?

Q: What would it look like for you to pray, *"Heavenly Father, I surrender worry; you are my peace,"* and mean it?

II. Weeds of want choke out the life of God.

Q: How do you know when a want has become a weed in your life?

Q: What do you tend to pursue for fulfillment or identity (e.g., approval, success, stuff)?

Q: How can you practice daily surrender by saying, *"God, you are my contentment,"* in a culture that constantly tells you to want more?

III. Weeds of work choke out the life of God.

Q: Are you working from a place of peace or pressure? What's driving your work?

Q: Where are you tempted to blur God's boundaries and provide for yourself?

Q: In what ways can you intentionally surrender control this week and declare, *"God, you are my provider"*?

Get Practical _____

This week practice repeating this prayer:

Heavenly Father,

I surrender **Worry** — You are my **peace**.

I surrender **Work** — You are my **provider**.

I surrender **Wants** — You are my **contentment**.

Which of the three weeds has the strongest grip on your heart today? Talk with your group or a friend about one step of surrender you can take this week to get out of the weeds and let God breathe life back into that area. If you'd like someone to pray for you, send your request by texting "prayer" to 37748.