

July 9-10, 2011 “Just Throw it Out There”

I have in my hand a \$20 bill. If I give it to a child, it's worth \$20. If I give it to a man or woman, it's worth \$20. As we read the parable of the Sower and the Seed, we see that this is true for the seed, as well as God's Word. Wherever the seed lands, it has power inside to grow. Wherever God's Word lands, through the Holy Spirit, there is power to change lives.

As we study the parable, I believe that the Sower could be our Lord Jesus. In His ministry, He threw God's Word all over the place. He threw God's Word of hope and salvation to Pharisees and Scribes who didn't care, to the prostitutes, tax collectors, the lame, the blind, and even lepers. Like the parable tells us, some didn't listen and for others it gave a new life. Jesus now tells us that he wants us to do the same and just throw it out there.

Sad to say, our sinful nature holds us back. We want the right time and the right people. We worry we'll say something wrong, look bad, and mess up. Jesus tells us to just throw it out there and He'll take it from there. After all, as someone said, “It's better to wear out for the Lord than rust out.” A little rusty here today is it?

While on vacation, we went out on Lake Wawasee with the Staubus family. After a couple hours, it was time to get back to shore. On the way, Capt. Noal saw a boat in distress. A sailboat had capsized and the three on board were in trouble. Without hesitation, Noal went over, took the rope, and towed them to home. Their home was on the other side of the lake. In spite of the cost and the time, Noal reached out to help. I was very proud of him and the lesson he taught his children about reaching out to those in need regardless of the inconvenience.

The ride back to the other side was fast. I was in front on the port side. One time we actually flew in the air and the landing shot my kidney out my ear!

Our Lord tells us in Luke 9:23 to deny ourselves, take up His cross, and follow Him. This is true on a boat or in our homes, restaurants, baseball games, etc. The world always points us in another direction that thinks of ourselves first. Proverbs 14:12 reminds us that there is a way that seems right to man, but it leads to death. Jesus wasn't politically correct and we can't worry about that either.

It's time to step up and step out for our Lord. Get crazy for His Kingdom! Become a Jesus Freak! Just toss God's Word out there! While on vacation, we did a lot of tossing. We talked with an Amish man about the Bible, KJV only, and worship; they worship every other Sunday for 3 hours. We met a young man who was serving us for dinner at Amish Acres. His name was Daniel. We were the last out and we talked about where we were from, the fact that I was a Pastor, and suddenly, WOW! Daniel shared that he was a music minister at a church. We talked Christian music, faith, Jesus! He told us he found a church that had Council Meetings with two coolers of beverages. One cooler had pop and water, and the second had beer. I offered to be their pastor on the spot! A few days later we had tickets for a show “Plain and Fancy” and all of a sudden realized that one of the stars was Daniel. We later talked, exchanged e-mails, met his

wife, hugged and “God Blessed” each other; all from tossing out God’s Word at dinner.

Because God Is Good.. . All The Time, He wants us to toss it out there. Sin turns us in on ourselves, while faith in Jesus Who died and rose for our salvation, leads us to turn out to others. This is worth a lot more than \$20. amen. .pastor matthews.