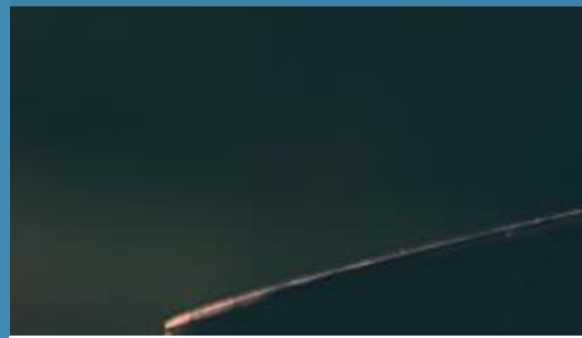


**SEEING THE KINGDOM OF
GOD IN THE PARABLES**

15 “THE TIME HAS
COME,” HE SAID. “THE
KINGDOM OF GOD
HAS COME NEAR.

REPENT AND
BELIEVE THE GOOD
NEWS!”

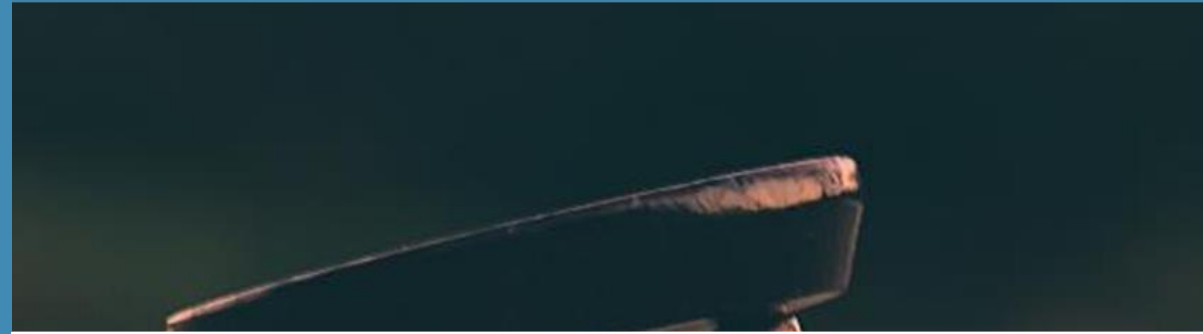
MARK 1:15



¹⁸ NOW JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE PHARISEES WERE FASTING. SOME PEOPLE CAME AND ASKED JESUS, "HOW IS IT THAT JOHN'S DISCIPLES AND THE DISCIPLES OF THE PHARISEES ARE FASTING, BUT YOURS ARE NOT?"

¹⁹ JESUS ANSWERED, "HOW CAN THE GUESTS OF THE BRIDEGROOM FAST WHILE HE IS WITH THEM? THEY CANNOT, SO LONG AS THEY HAVE HIM WITH THEM. ²⁰ BUT THE TIME WILL COME WHEN THE BRIDEGROOM WILL BE TAKEN FROM THEM, AND ON THAT DAY THEY WILL FAST.

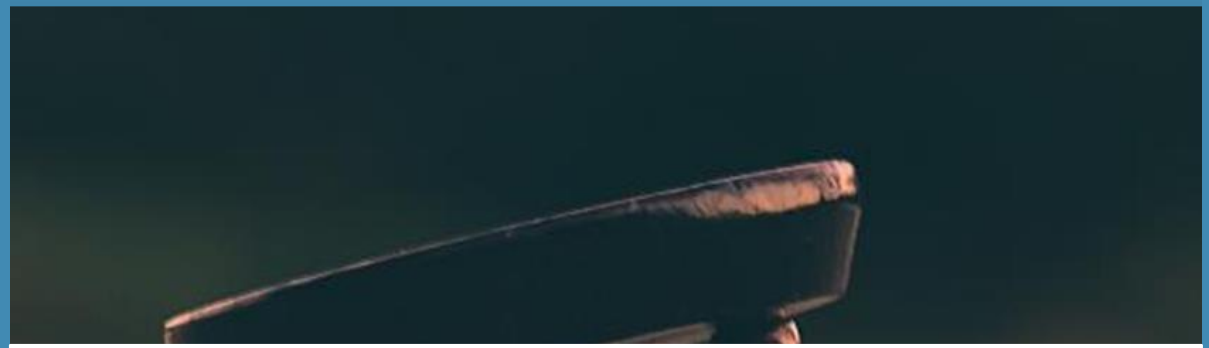
MARK 2:18-20



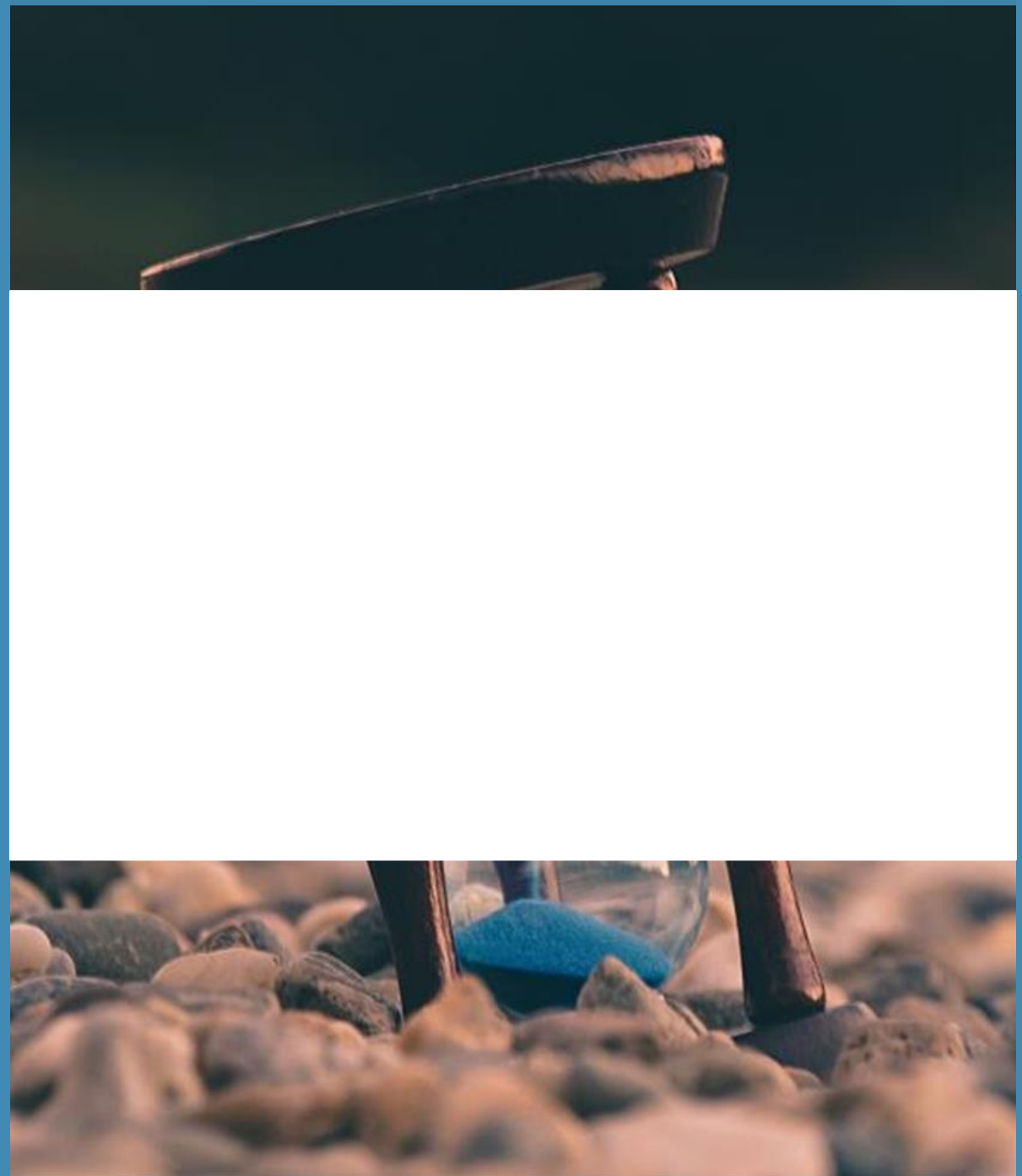
21 “NO ONE SEWS A PATCH OF UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT. OTHERWISE, THE NEW PIECE WILL PULL AWAY FROM THE OLD, MAKING THE TEAR WORSE. 22 AND NO ONE POURS NEW WINE INTO OLD WINESKINS. OTHERWISE, THE WINE WILL BURST THE SKINS, AND BOTH THE WINE AND THE WINESKINS WILL BE RUINED. NO, THEY POUR NEW WINE INTO NEW WINESKINS.”

MARK 2:21-22

**ARE WE READY TO
RECEIVE THIS
GOOD NEWS?**



**HOW DO YOU HEAR
AND RECEIVE THE
GOOD NEWS?**



THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

² HE TAUGHT THEM MANY THINGS BY PARABLES, AND IN HIS TEACHING SAID: ³ “LISTEN! A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. ⁴ AS HE WAS SCATTERING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE IT UP. ⁵ SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. ⁶ BUT WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. ⁷ OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS, SO THAT THEY DID NOT BEAR GRAIN. ⁸ STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP, GREW AND PRODUCED A CROP, SOME MULTIPLYING THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES.

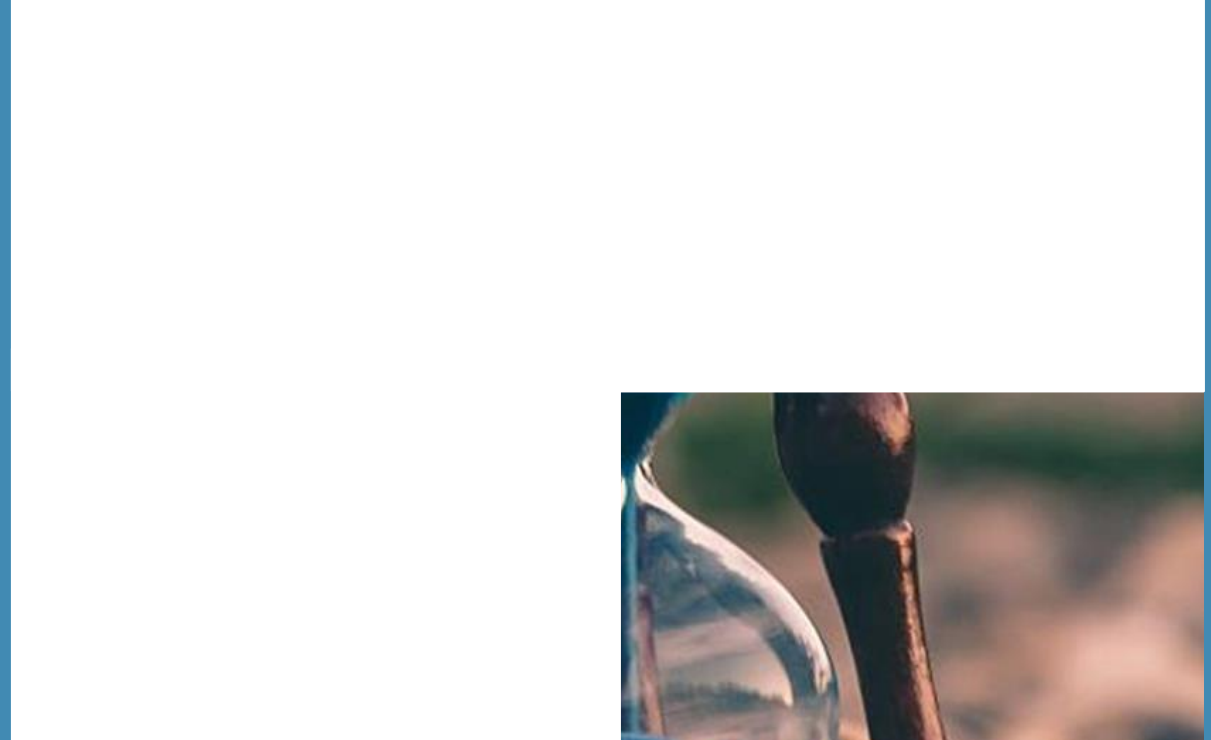
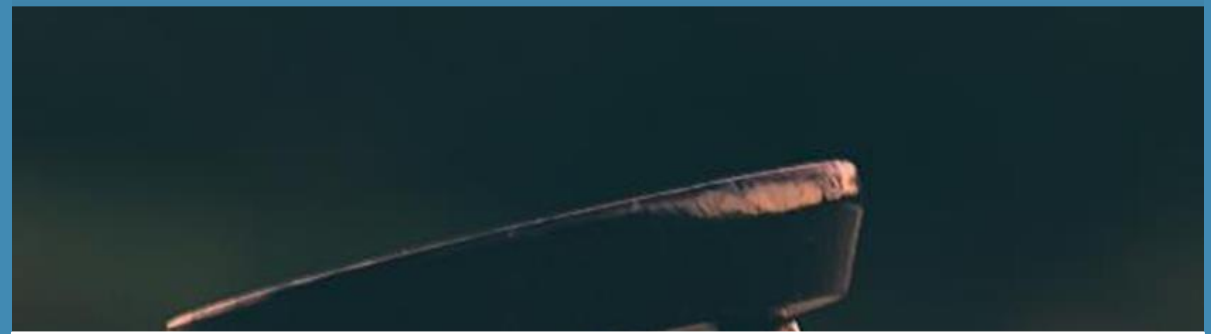
⁹ THEN JESUS SAID, “WHOEVER HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR.”

MARK 4:1-9

¹⁴ THE FARMER SOWS THE WORD. ¹⁵ SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SEED ALONG THE PATH, WHERE THE WORD IS SOWN. AS SOON AS THEY HEAR IT, SATAN COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD THAT WAS SOWN IN THEM. ¹⁶ OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON ROCKY PLACES, HEAR THE WORD AND AT ONCE RECEIVE IT WITH JOY. ¹⁷ BUT SINCE THEY HAVE NO ROOT, THEY LAST ONLY A SHORT TIME. WHEN TROUBLE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THE WORD, THEY QUICKLY FALL AWAY. ¹⁸ STILL OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN AMONG THORNS, HEAR THE WORD; ¹⁹ BUT THE WORRIES OF THIS LIFE, THE DECEITFULNESS OF WEALTH AND THE DESIRES FOR OTHER THINGS COME IN AND CHOKES THE WORD, MAKING IT UNFRUITFUL. ²⁰ OTHERS, LIKE SEED SOWN ON GOOD SOIL, HEAR THE WORD, ACCEPT IT, AND PRODUCE A CROP—SOME THIRTY, SOME SIXTY, SOME A HUNDRED TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN.”

MARK 4:14-20

**ONCE YOU HAVE
RECEIVED THE
GOOD NEWS,
WHAT ARE YOU
GOING TO DO WITH
IT?**



A LAMP ON A STAND

²¹ HE SAID TO THEM, “DO YOU BRING IN A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER A BOWL OR A BED? INSTEAD, DON’T YOU PUT IT ON ITS STAND? ²² FOR WHATEVER IS HIDDEN IS MEANT TO BE DISCLOSED, AND WHATEVER IS CONCEALED IS MEANT TO BE BROUGHT OUT INTO THE OPEN. ²³ IF ANYONE HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET THEM HEAR.”

MARK 4:21-23

THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED

²⁶ HE ALSO SAID, “THIS IS WHAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE. A MAN SCATTERS SEED ON THE GROUND. ²⁷ NIGHT AND DAY, WHETHER HE SLEEPS OR GETS UP, THE SEED SPROUTS AND GROWS, THOUGH HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW. ²⁸ ALL BY ITSELF THE SOIL PRODUCES GRAIN—FIRST THE STALK, THEN THE HEAD, THEN THE FULL KERNEL IN THE HEAD.

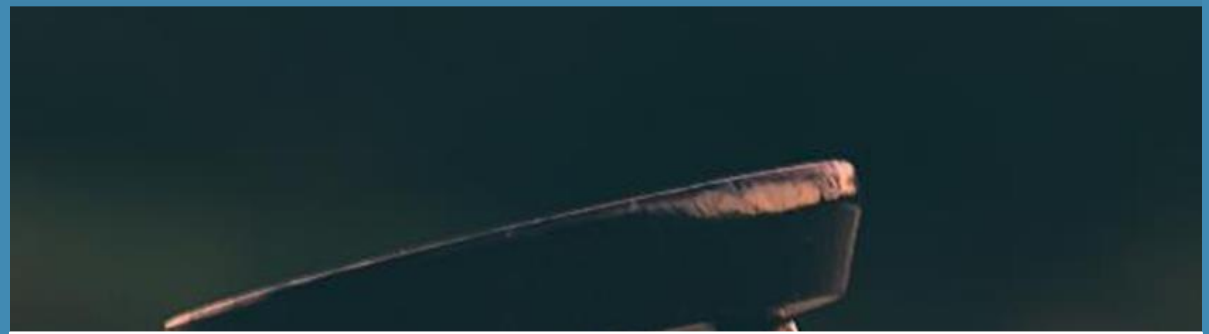
MARK 4:26-28

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

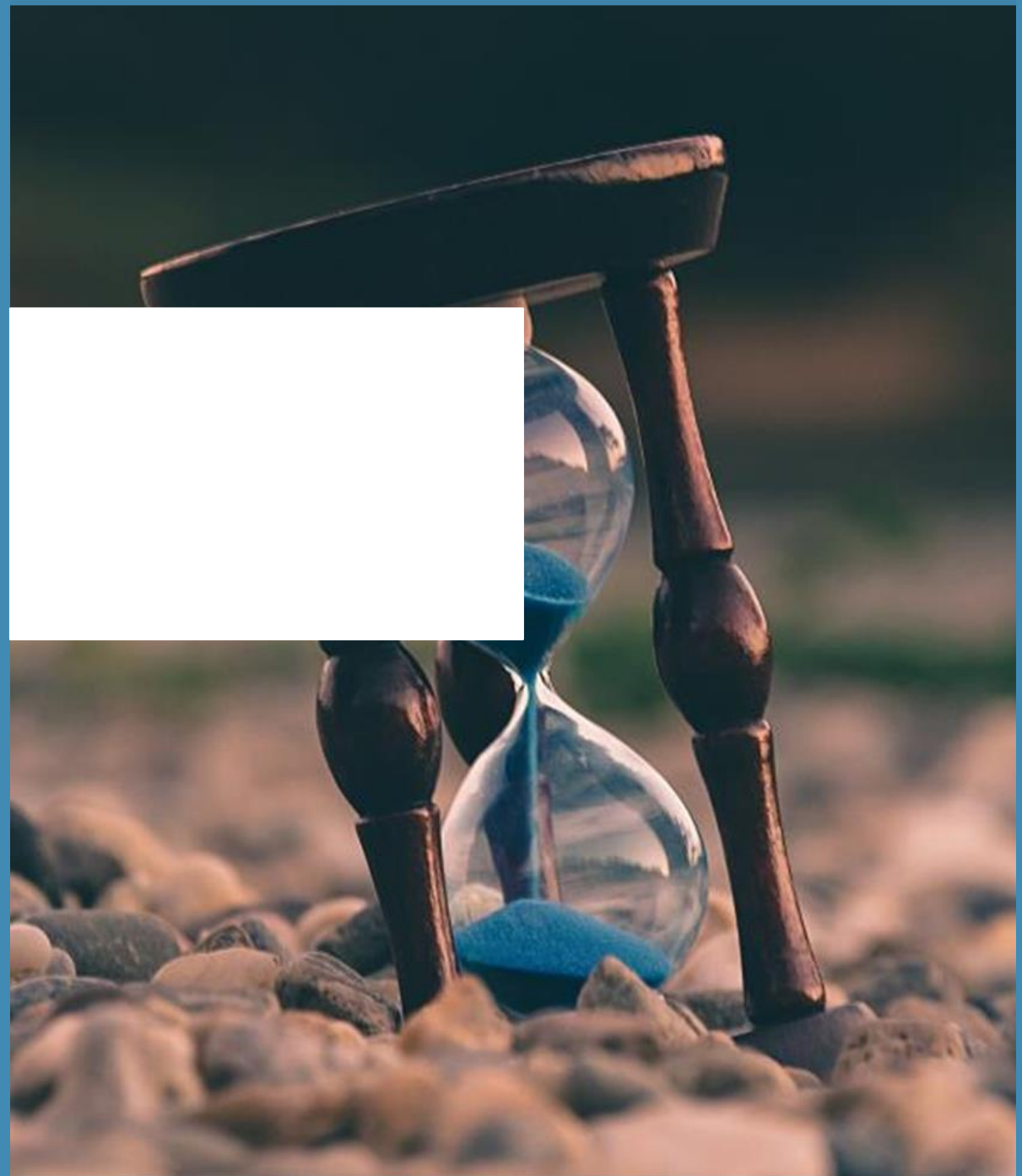
³⁰ AGAIN HE SAID, “WHAT SHALL WE SAY THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE, OR WHAT PARABLE SHALL WE USE TO DESCRIBE IT? ³¹ IT IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED, WHICH IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS ON EARTH. ³² YET WHEN PLANTED, IT GROWS AND BECOMES THE LARGEST OF ALL GARDEN PLANTS, WITH SUCH BIG BRANCHES THAT THE BIRDS CAN PERCH IN ITS SHADE.”

MARK 4:30-32

**WHAT IS THE
KINGDOM OF GOD
THEN AND HOW
DO WE PREPARE?**



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MARK 1:15



