

pumpkin seed  **PUZZLING PARABLES**
 watermelon seed  **THE MUSTARD SEED**
 mustard seed .

These puzzling parables are given so the truth can sneak up on us and get past our bias, assumptions, self-righteousness and hard hearts.

The ultimate purpose of these puzzling stories is so our eyes will be opened to see and receive God's blessing.

PARABLE 1: THE SOWER

The Good Soil:
A heart that's o_____ to hear from God.

PARABLE 2: THE WEEDS

We're not to j_____ each other's hearts.

PARABLE 3: THE MUSTARD SEED

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.

Matthew 13:31-34

THE MUSTARD SEED

S_____ small and t_____ into a tree

THE YEAST

T_____ over the d_____

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Any p_____ where God gets His w_____

THE PARABLE EXPLAINED

God gets His way in o_____ lives

TRUST
OBEDIENCE

God gets His way in every a_____ of our lives
The kingdom of heaven c_____ be stopped

NEXT STEPS

Does God have His way in your life?

How has God changed you?

In which area of your life does God NOT have His way?



Recommended resources (available at Jacob's Well bookstore):

- [True Faced](#) -- Bill Thrall
- [The Principle of the Path](#) -- Andy Stanley
- [The Divine Conspiracy](#) -- Dallas Willard