

# STORYTELLER

*The Parables of Jesus*

*On that day Jesus had gone out of the house and was sitting by the sea. And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach. And He told them many things in parables, saying, "Behold, the sower went out to sow; and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up. "Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and they sprang up immediately, because they had no depth of soil. "But after the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.*



*"Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out. "But others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much.*

**Matthew 13:1-9**



*“Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says:*

**Matthew 13:10-17**



““You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.” For this people’s heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

*But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”*



*"Listen then to the parable of the sower. "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one sown with seed beside the road. "The one sown with seed on the rocky places, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution occurs because of the word, immediately he falls away.*

**Matthew 13:18-23**

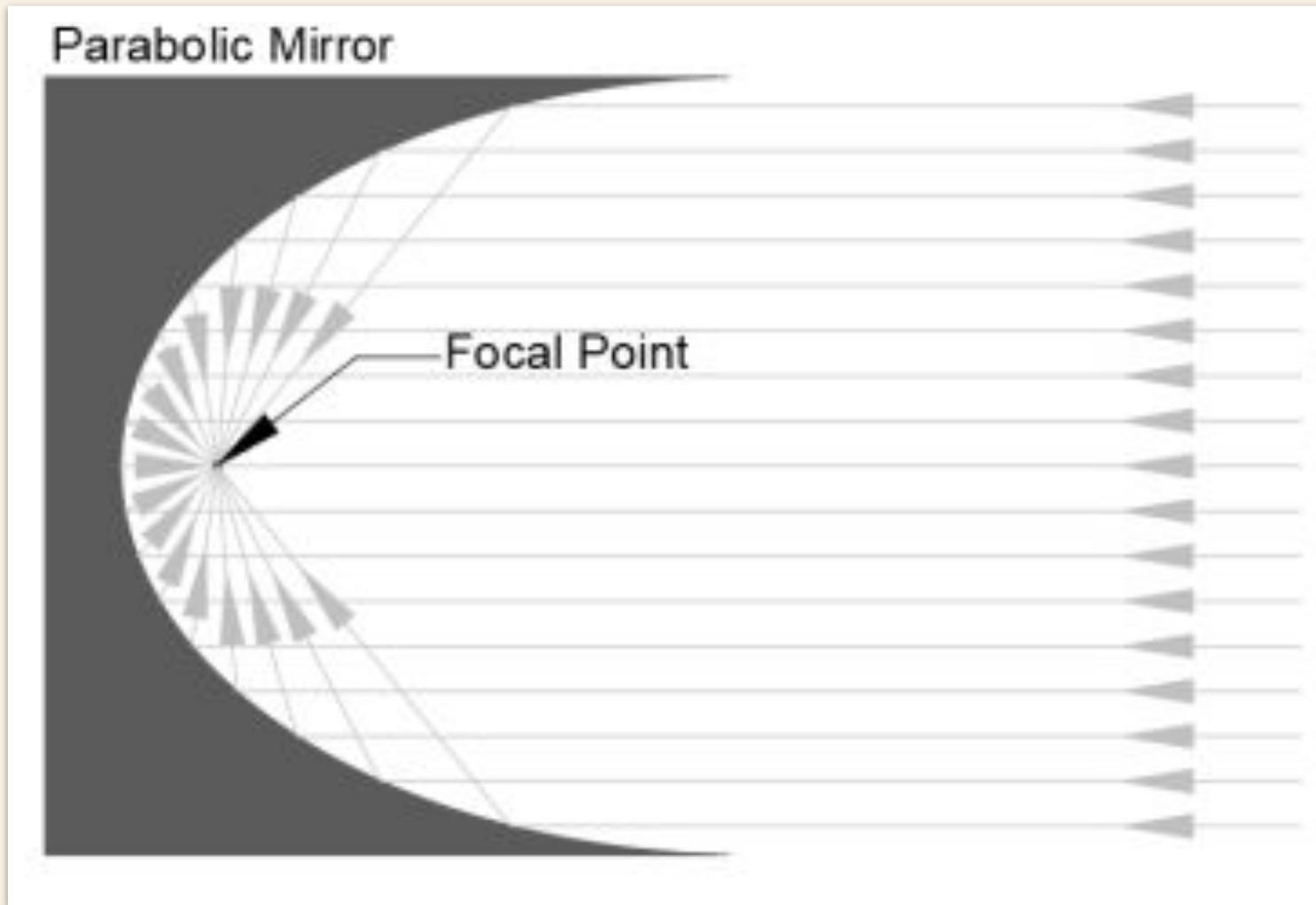


*"And the one sown with seed among the thorns, this is the one who hears the word, and the anxiety of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. "But the one sown with seed on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces, some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much."*

**Matthew 13:18-23**



# PARABLE (Parbole?)



*But I'll never stop dreaming of you  
every night of my life, no way  
But I would do anything for love  
But I won't do that  
Oh, I won't do that*

**I will do anything for Love - Meatloaf**



*Some days it don't come easy  
Some days it don't come hard  
Some days it don't come at all  
And these are the days that [feel like they] never end*

**I will do anything for Love - Meatloaf**



**“Jesus, give us ears to hear...  
and hearts ready to respond”**





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