

Jesus

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him
to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

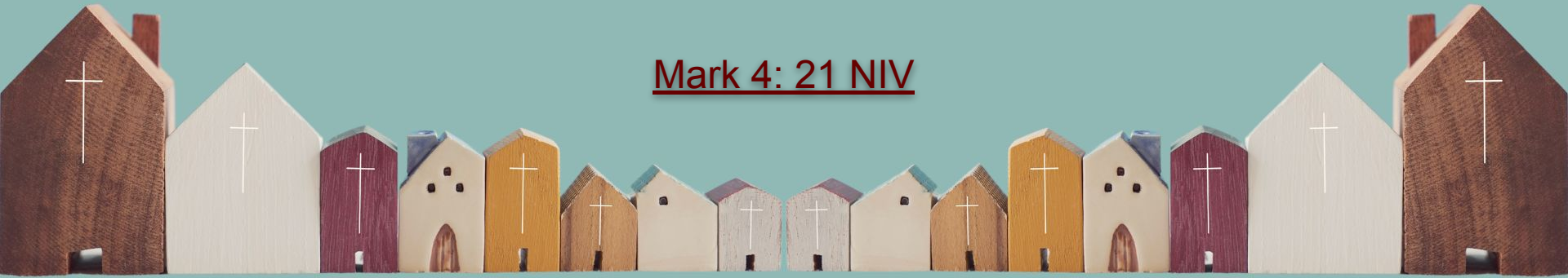
Punchline

Parables are the gift that keeps on giving



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?”

Mark 4: 21 NIV



For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Mark 4: 22-23 NIV



“Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you and even more. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

Mark 4: 24-25 NIV

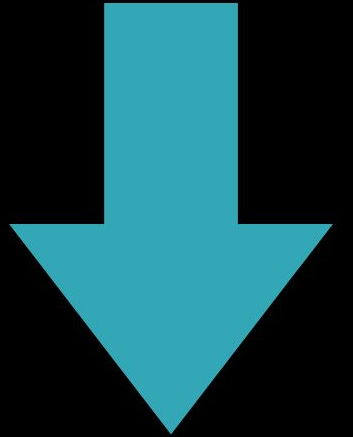
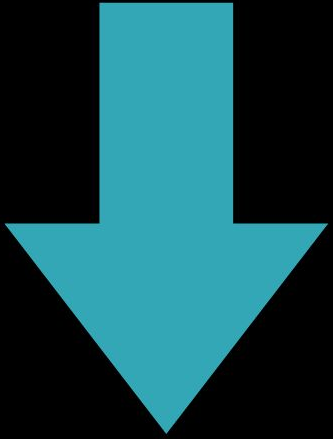


The Lampstand

- ❑ **“This little light of mine...”**
- ❑ **Jesus is bringing the Kingdom but not everyone has seen it yet**
- ❑ **Use what you hear and see well**

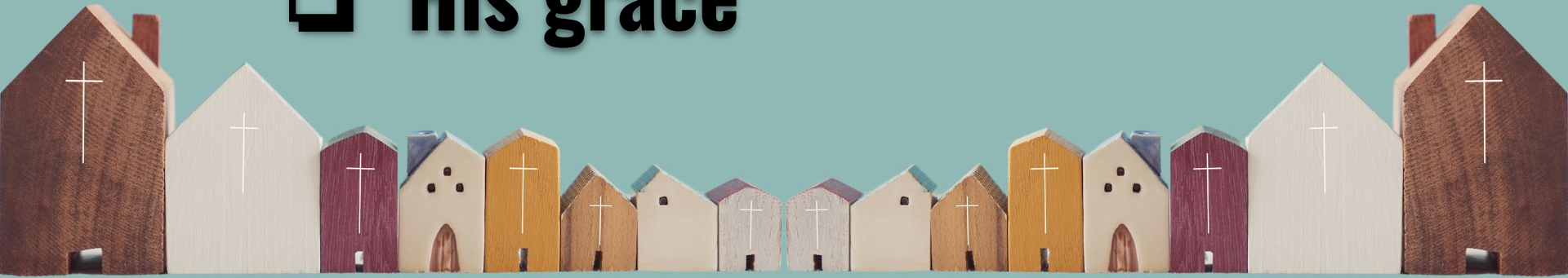


**JUMP
TO
RECIPE**



Keep Going

- ❑ **See God from all around the room**
- ❑ **His truth**
- ❑ **His love**
- ❑ **His grace**



Take More And More

- ❑ **Don't get intimidated by getting more of God**
- ❑ **Show God you're doing well with what you have**
- ❑ **Don't always know what the "more" is**



He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

Mark 4: 26-27 NIV



All by itself the soil produces grain first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

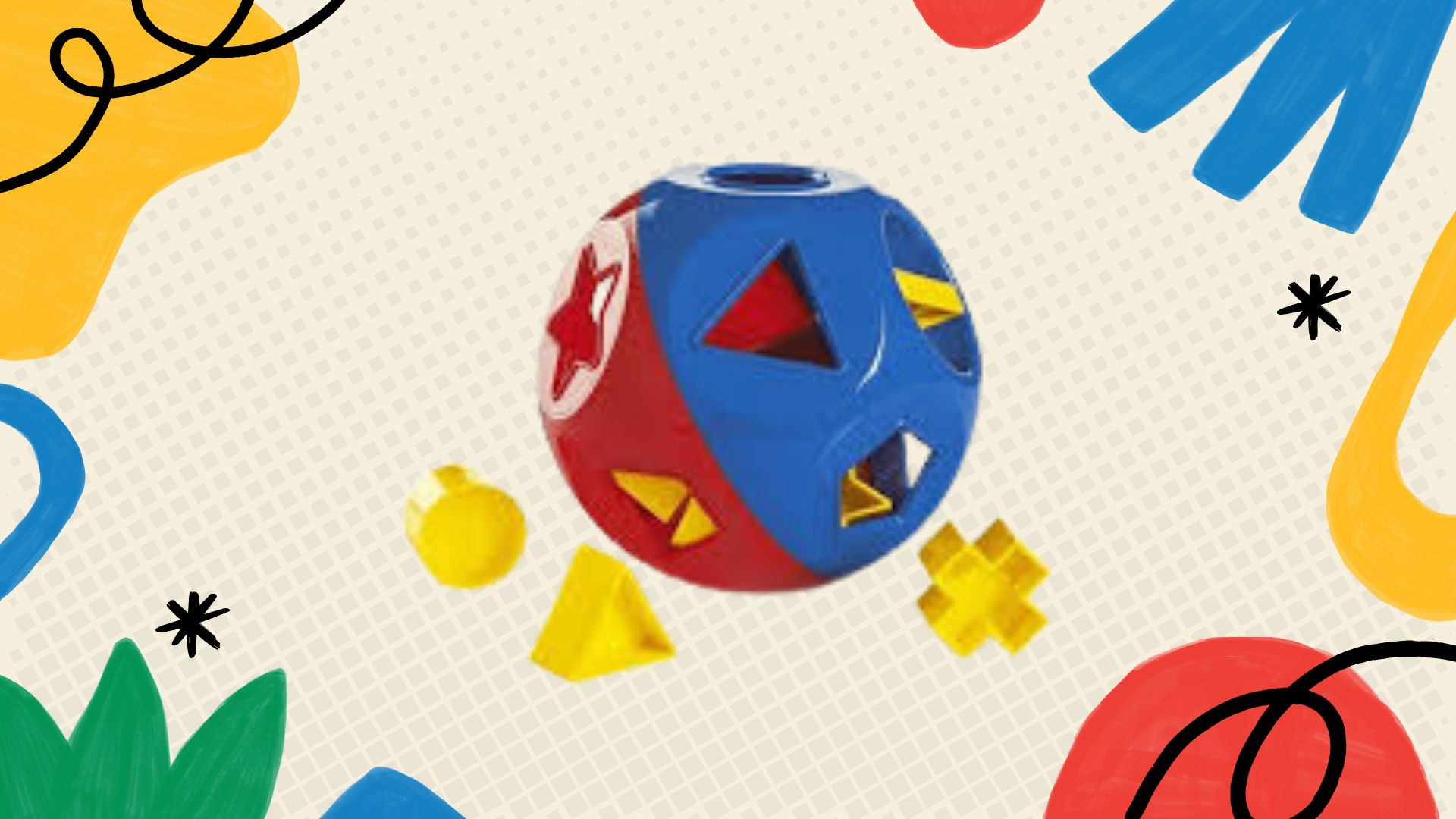
Mark 4: 28-29 NIV



The Growing Seed

- ❑ Farmer goes to bed and the seed sprouts and grows
- ❑ Kingdom of God grows without human hands
- ❑ When the grain is ripe, God harvests





Can't Force It - Personally

- ❑ We might grow in a storm
- ❑ Ideal growing conditions don't guarantee growth
- ❑ Growth starts internally



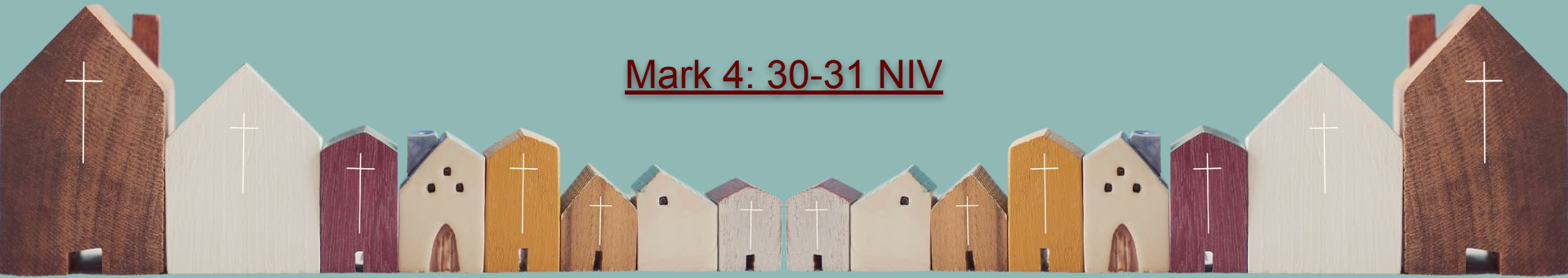
Can't Force It - Ministry

- ❑ It's about heart count not headcount
- ❑ Are hearts softening for growth?
- ❑ Grow together - change together



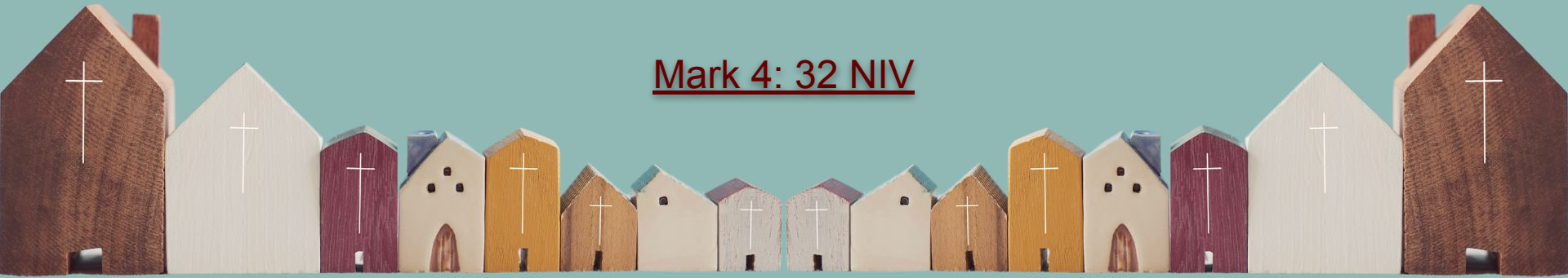
Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth

Mark 4: 30-31 NIV



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: 32 NIV



With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

Mark 4: 33-34 NIV



The Mustard Seed

- ❑ **Tiny, easily lost, trampled on**
- ❑ **Kingdom of God starts small but grows**
- ❑ **Don't judge the Kingdom by how it started - judge it by how it'll finish**



SALE



CLEARANCE

The Long Game

- ❑ Kingdom of God isn't instant
- ❑ It's easy to feel insignificant or overlooked
- ❑ The big plant is coming



The Long Game

- ❑ **Might feel like what you're doing is being swallowed up by the world around you**
- ❑ **It's about what's coming - take hope in that**



Regifting The Parables

- ❑ The lampstand
 - ❑ Little bit now - more later
- ❑ The growing plant
 - ❑ Can't force growth
- ❑ The mustard seed
 - ❑ Starts small - grows big

