

**Series: “Outflow: outward-focused living in a self-focused world”**

**Part Three: “A Multitude of Kisses”**

**Text: Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 (NKJV)**

## 1. Get Real About What You Do

### A. You cannot see the person’s

Matthew 13:4-8 “Some seed fell by the wayside...some fell on stony places...some fell among thorns...others fell on good ground...” (NKJV)

### B. You cannot control the person’s

Matthew 13:19-23 <sup>19</sup>“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. <sup>20</sup>But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. <sup>22</sup>Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” (NKJV)

## 2. Get On With What You Do

### A. You can

Matthew 13:3 “A sower went out to sow.” (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 4:3,4 <sup>3</sup>“If the Good News that we preach is hidden, it is hidden only to those who are lost. <sup>4</sup>The devil who rules this world has blinded the minds of those who do not believe. They cannot see the light of the Good News.” (New Century Version)

### B. You can

Ephesians 1:18,19 <sup>18</sup>“I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and His incomparably great power for us who believe.” (NIV)

### C. You can

Matthew 5:16 “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (NKJV)

## 3. Get Ready To See God

1 Corinthians 3:6-8 <sup>6</sup>“I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup>So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.” (NKJV)

