

*A sower went out to sow...*

—Matthew 13.3

God will sow the seed of herself in you  
and sometimes you won't know it.  
Sometimes you'll suspect but not trust.  
Sometimes you'll believe but chicken out.  
Sometimes you'll do your best to receive but fail.  
And sometimes grace will bear fruit in you.

You'll need to forgive  
and sometimes you won't try,  
or try and get hung up on your own deserving,  
or get discouraged when the other doesn't get it.  
And sometimes forgiveness will set you free.

God will sow you in the world  
and sometimes you won't belong.  
Sometimes people will misunderstand.  
Sometimes they'll dislike you or use you.  
And sometimes you'll blossom.

Sometimes you'll try to sow seeds of justice  
but you'll do a lousy job.  
Or do it well, but folks will resist.  
Or they'll care but they'll be overwhelmed by an unjust society.  
And sometimes your witness will bear fruit.

Failure,  
failure,  
failure,  
fruit.  
All of it grace. All of it.<sup>i</sup>

## **This is My Word by Pepper Choplin<sup>ii</sup>**

As the snow falls from heaven,  
As it comes in swirling showers from the sky,  
So is my Word.  
As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry,  
So is my Word.  
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty:  
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.

As the rain brings renewal  
And the tender buds begin to come alive,  
So is my Word.  
Giving seed to the sower,  
And the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive,  
So is my Word.  
And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;  
It will bless the earth wherever it is heard.  
This is my Word.

O Lord, when I am weary,  
When I feel the days I'm living are in vain,  
My God, help me be faithful to the Word  
You have given to proclaim.  
Proclaim the Word.

And you will go out in joy,  
And be led forth in peace,  
And the hills will break before you into song.  
So be faithful, brave and true,  
For I will go before you,  
And when your earthly journey here is done.  
I'll say well done, I'll say well done!  
I'll say well done, well done!

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And the rain comes in showers from the sky,  
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<sup>i</sup> Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *Unfolding Light*, July 9, 2020,  
[www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vF7xJA1MAAtI>