**The Parables of Grace**

**I. Reading the Words of Jesus**

**II. God’s Presence as the Seed – Matthew 13.1-9**

 **A. God’s Presence May Not Look like Much**

 **B. Seeds Disappear for a Time**

 **C. God Uses the Bad Experiences**

 **D. God Playfully Throws the Seeds Everywhere**

 **E.** **The Leaven – Matthew 13.33**

**III. The Weeds - Matthew 13.24-30**

 **A. The Weeds Look like Wheat**

 **B. Was Matthew Struggling? – Mark 4.26-29**

 **C. Let it Be. Let it Be**

 **D. Let God Do it at the End**

**IV. The Net – Matthew 13.47-50**

 **A. The Net Catches Everything**

 **B. The Good (*kala*), the Bad (*sapra*) and the Ugly (*Chicago Bears*)**

 **C. Abe the Junk Collector**

 **D. Lisa and the Tree House**

**E. Grace Always Bats Last**

**V.** **“You Say” by Lauren Daigle**

*I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I’m not enough*

*Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up*

*Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?*

*Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know.*

*You say I am loved when I can’t feel a thing*

*You say I am strong when I think I am weak*

*You say I am held when I am falling short*

*When I don’t belong, oh You say that I am Yours*

*And I believe, oh I believe.*

*What You say of me.*

*I believe*

*The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me*

*In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity.*

*You say I am loved when I can’t feel a thing*

*You say I am strong when I think I am weak*

*And You say I am held when I am falling short*

*When I don’t belong, oh You say that I am Yours*

*And I believe, oh I believe*

*What You say of me*

*Oh, I believe*

*Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet*

*You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory.*

*You say I am loved when I can’t feel a thing*

*You say I am strong when I think I am weak*

*You say I am held when I am falling short*

*When I don’t belong, oh You say that I am Yours*

*And I believe, oh I believe*

*What You say of me*

*I believe.*

*Oh I believe, yes I believe*

*What You say of me*

*Oh I believe.*