

**PARABLES: TRUTH HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**

**“The Sower and The Soils”, Luke 8:5-15**

**-Pastor Dan**

**Parable:** a simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

<sup>5</sup> “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.

<sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

<sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

<sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.” When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’

<sup>11</sup> “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

<sup>12</sup> Those along **the path** are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

<sup>13</sup> Those on the **rocky ground** are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

<sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among **thorns** stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

<sup>15</sup> But the seed on **good soil** stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Luke 8:5-15

**Key Thought:** This parable is about our willingness to hear God each day.

**Soil Types:**

- **Path / Hard Soil** = close-minded

<sup>32</sup> When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”

Acts 17:32

- **Rocky Soil** = Superficial / Emotional / Selfish Faith

<sup>6</sup> So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> **rooted and built up in him**, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy,

Colossians 2:6-8

- **Thorny Soil / Weeds** = Distracted / preoccupied / Worried /

**Key:** You don’t have to do anything to get weeds ->

just neglect your garden!

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Hebrews 4:12

- **Good Soil** = Receptive Heart, Openness, Teachable

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>26</sup> But everyone who **hears** these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27