**PARABLES: Truth Hidden In Plain Sight**

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

**The Sower And The Soils…**

***4****While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable:*  ***5****“A farmer went out to* ***sow his seed****.* Luke 8:4-5

*As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the* ***path****; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.* Luke 8:5b

***6****Some fell on* ***rocky ground****, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.* Luke 8:6

***7****Other seed fell among* ***thorns****, which grew up with it and choked the plants.*Luke 8:7

***8****Still other seed fell on* ***good soil****. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”* Luke 8:8

*When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”* ***9****His disciples* ***asked him what this parable meant****.*  Luke 8:8b-9

*And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?* Mark 4:13

***10****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.’* Luke 8:10

***11****“This is the meaning of the parable: The* ***seed is the word of God****.*

 Luke 8:11

 **“The Parable Of The Soils Teach Us… ”**

**#1) God’s Word Falls On CALLOUS Hearts.**

***12****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.* Luke 8:12

**#2) God’s Word Falls On SHALLOW Hearts.**

***13****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****.*  Luke 8:13

**#3) God’s Word Falls On PREOCCUPIED Hearts.**

***14****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.*  Luke 8:14

**#4) God’s Word Falls On RECEPTIVE Heart.**

***15****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 8:15

*Blessed is the manwho walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;* ***2****but his****delight is in the law of the Lord****, and on his law* ***he meditates day and night****.* Psalm 1:1-2