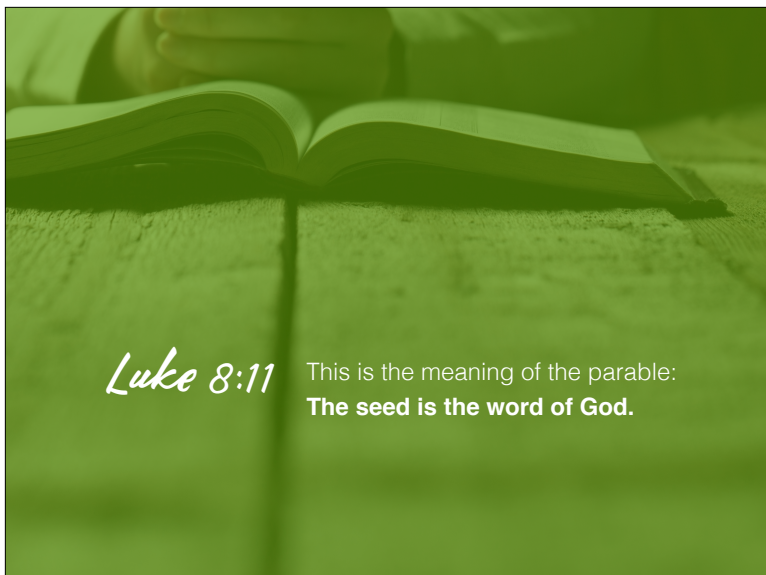




MATTHEW 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."



*What kind of
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the Path

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MATTHEW 13:19

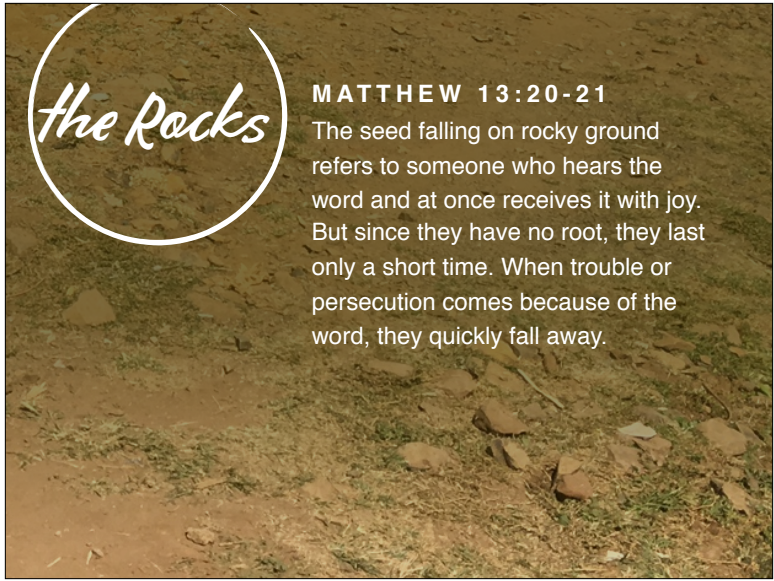
When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.



LUKE 8:12
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.



the Rocks



the Rocks

MATTHEW 13:20-21
The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

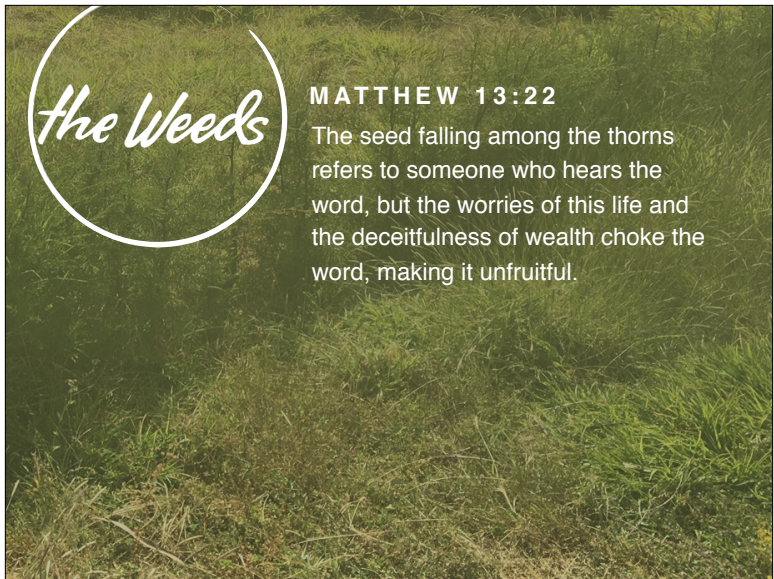


the Rocks

LUKE 8:13
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.



the Weeds



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MATTHEW 13:22
The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.



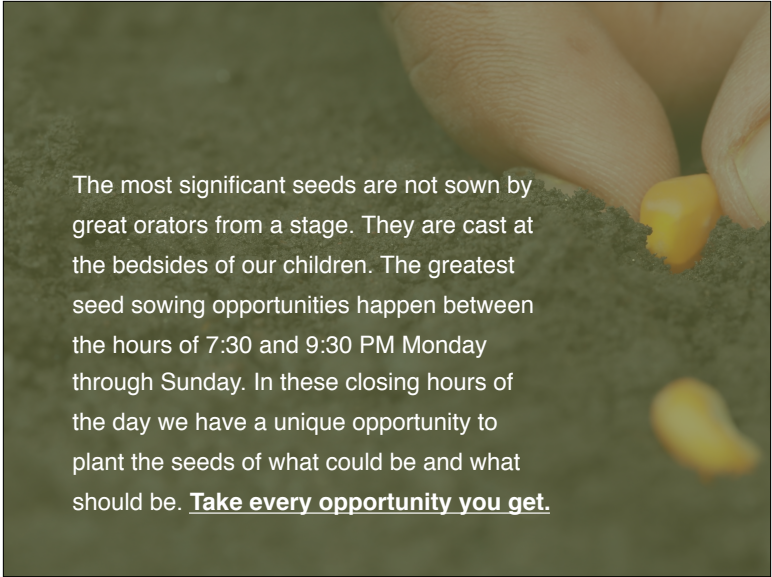
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LUKE 8:14

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.

"The Christian offer is not only a privilege, it is also a responsibility. A sudden enthusiasm can always so quickly become a dying fire."

William Barclay



The most significant seeds are not sown by great orators from a stage. They are cast at the bedsides of our children. The greatest seed sowing opportunities happen between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 PM Monday through Sunday. In these closing hours of the day we have a unique opportunity to plant the seeds of what could be and what should be. **Take every opportunity you get.**





Good Soil

MATTHEW 13:23

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."



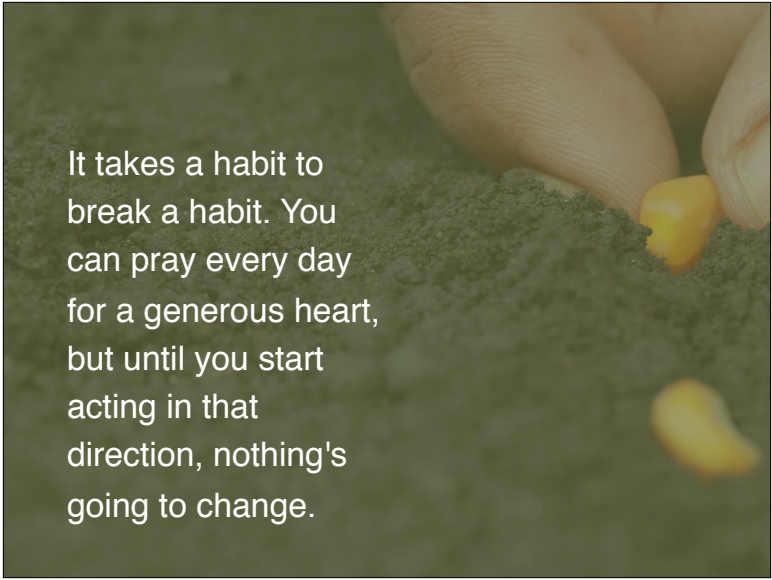
Good Soil

LUKE 8:15

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.



*What
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It takes a habit to break a habit. You can pray every day for a generous heart, but until you start acting in that direction, nothing's going to change.



*Habits of the person
who is like the* **Good
Soil**

- Their mind is open
- They are prepared to hear
- They understand
- They translate hearing into action

Many a man would have been saved all kinds of heartbreak, if he had simply stopped to listen to the voice of a wise friend, or to the voice of God.

