

GROWING IN FAITH



Scripture

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seeds. As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn’t have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

- Matthew 13:3b-8

Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seeds

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1. Seeds along the path
 - Have you rejected parts of God’s message? Are there parts of the Bible that you tend to “leave out” of your belief system?
 - How do you incorporate God’s message or word in your everyday life?
2. Seeds on rocky places
 - How do you spend time on your “roots?”
 - Do you find that you like God’s message only when it works for you?
3. Seeds among thorns
 - What do you worry about?
 - Have you seen your worries choke out God’s word in your life?
4. Seeds on fertile soil
 - How do we cultivate the soil of our lives to allow God’s word to take root?
 - What are some concrete things that we can do everyday to ensure that the seeds of God’s Kingdom grow in our lives?
 - How’s can you discern when other’s are ready to hear and receive God’s word in their lives?