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“Faint-Hearted”
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- **Soil is a natural medium for growth.**

Luke 8:4 *While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: (NIV)*

Luke 8:5-8 *“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. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 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.” (NIV)*

Luke 8:9-10 *His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 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.’” (NIV)*

- **One of the biggest problems with the human heart is not being able to hear God’s voice.**

Romans 10:17 *Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV)*

Luke 8:11-12 *“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 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. (NIV)

Seed = God’s Word

Soil = Human Heart

What’s preventing you from hearing God’s voice?

1. **I don’t want to know...**
2. **I already know...**

- **Listen**
- **Listen to Learn**

Pray: God, what do you have for me?

“The task is not to get God to do something I think needs done, but to become aware of what God is doing so that I can participate in it.” Eugene Peterson

Do you have a time and a place to hear from God?

John 1:14 *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (NIV)*