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SET THE SCENE



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STUDY THE TEXT

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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

1. Sowing with a bag of seed on unplowed land in first-century.
2. Four different situations that depict responses to the Word.
3. Jesus pleads with the crowd to actually hear what he is saying.

It's possible to sit in front of God and hear without hearing.

Luke 8:4-8

“4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

4. If you ever get confused at Jesus's teaching, you are in good company!

5. OT Link: The same revelation of mysteries was given to the Prophet Daniel, who revealed the meaning of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream when magicians, enchanters, and sorcerers could not (Daniel 2:17-30; 4:7-9).

6. Parables require work, which requires interest, which indicates openness.

Luke 8:9-10

"9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'"



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TEXTUAL COMMENTARY:

7. This parable is crucial to the development of the disciples, considering that they are about to embark on mission to spread God's Word.

8. Those who lack interest and fall prey to the enemies scheme.

9. Those who lack commitment.

10. Those who have competing priorities.

11. Those who hear with interest, commitment, and priority bear fruit! (Theme)

Luke 8:11-15

"11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."



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LIVE THE TEXT



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1. Difficult texts are an invitation from God to come **seek him.**
2. Don't hear without hearing. **Be proactive to ask questions** when you do not understand my preaching or any teacher here. We want to serve you.
3. **Pray for lost friends.** Pray that the Spirit would draw them into knowledge of God! God can soften soil. He can turn hardship and negative consequences into good and beautiful works of art.

LIVE THE TEXT



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MESSIAH



THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

