

## Prayer of Confession(from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you I have sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Cleanse and forgive me, wash me and I will be clean, whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

(Silent Prayer)

Amen



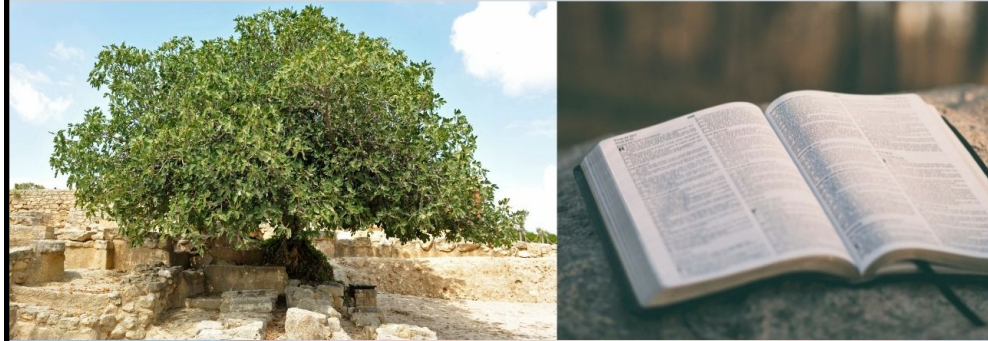
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# LIFE-CHANGING STORIES



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**July 10, 2022**

# Scripture

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. 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."

9 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."

11 "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. 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. 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. 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.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor Jim Stuart

\*Opening Praise *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
*Holy Is The Lord*

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Pastor Eugene Scott

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Alex Kunz

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Alex Kunz

*\*Gloria Patri*

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Matthew Gossom

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Matthew Gossom

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Hearing The Word of God

Scripture

Luke 8:4-15

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Series: Life-Changing Stories

Pastor Jim Stuart

\*Closing Song

*Blest Be The Tie That Binds*

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Benediction

Pastor Jim Stuart

\* Please stand in body or in spirit