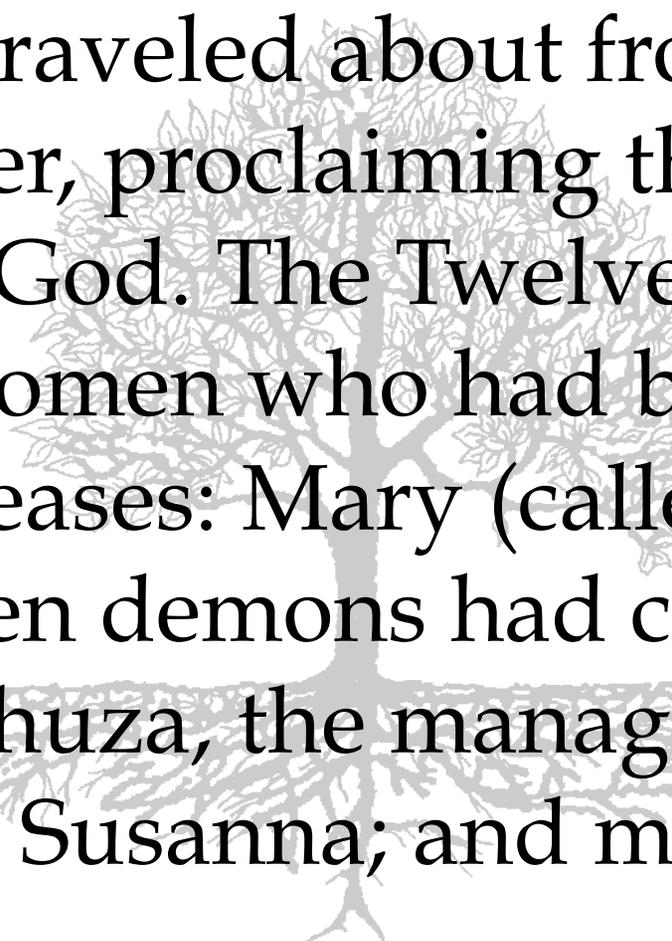


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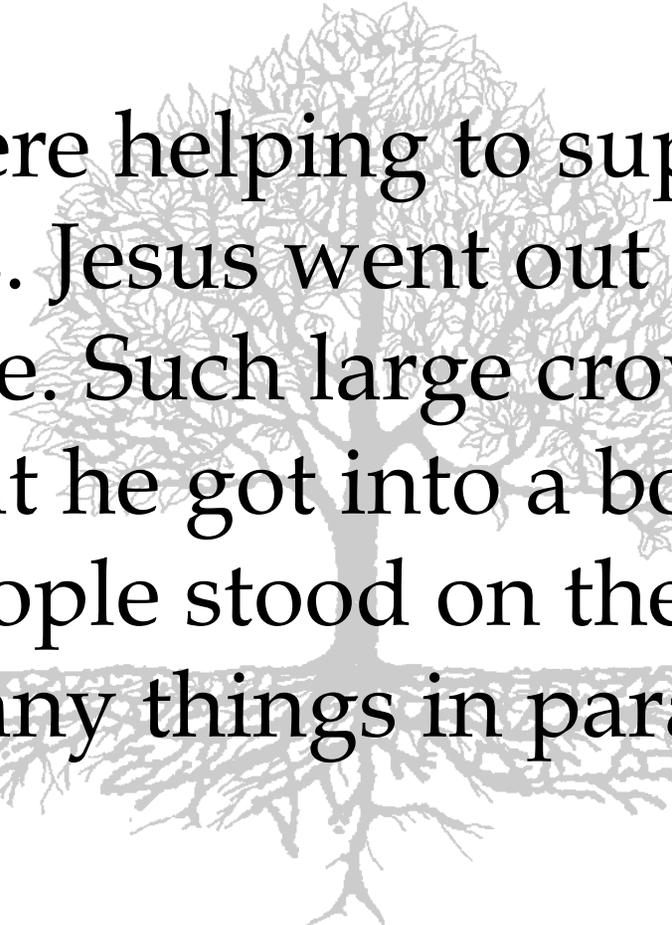
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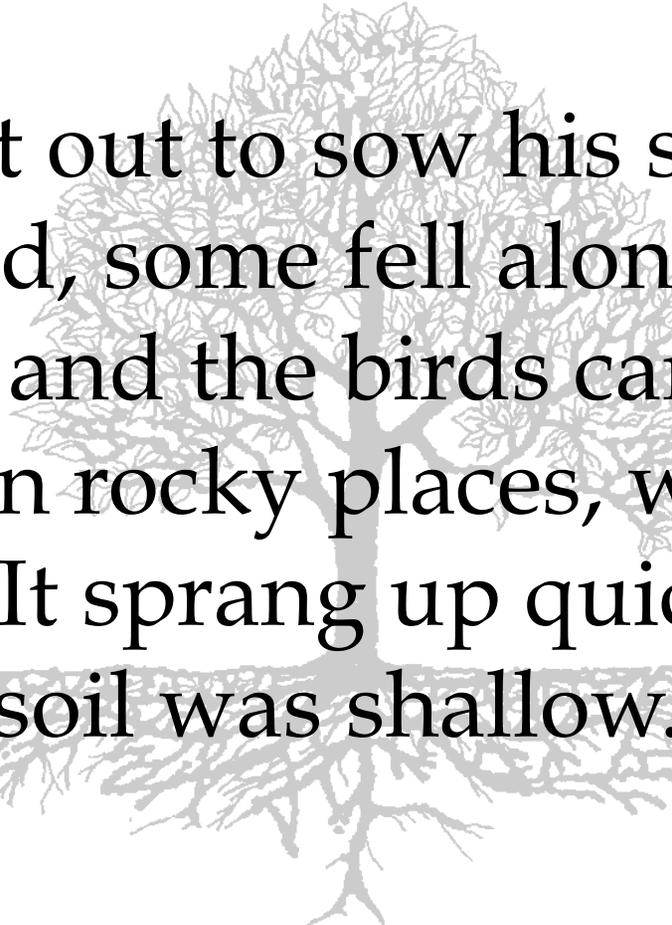
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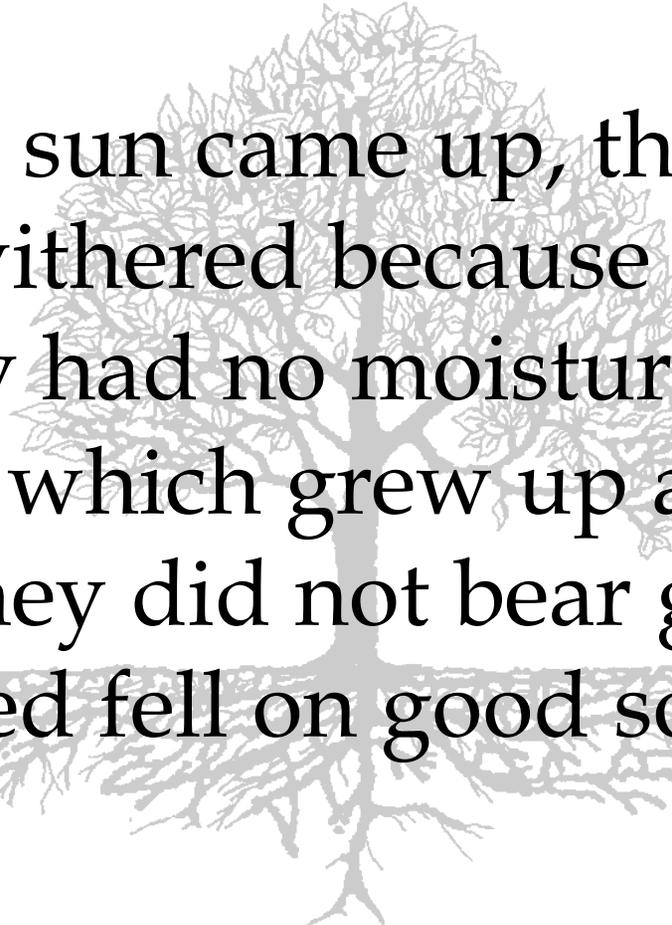
After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others.



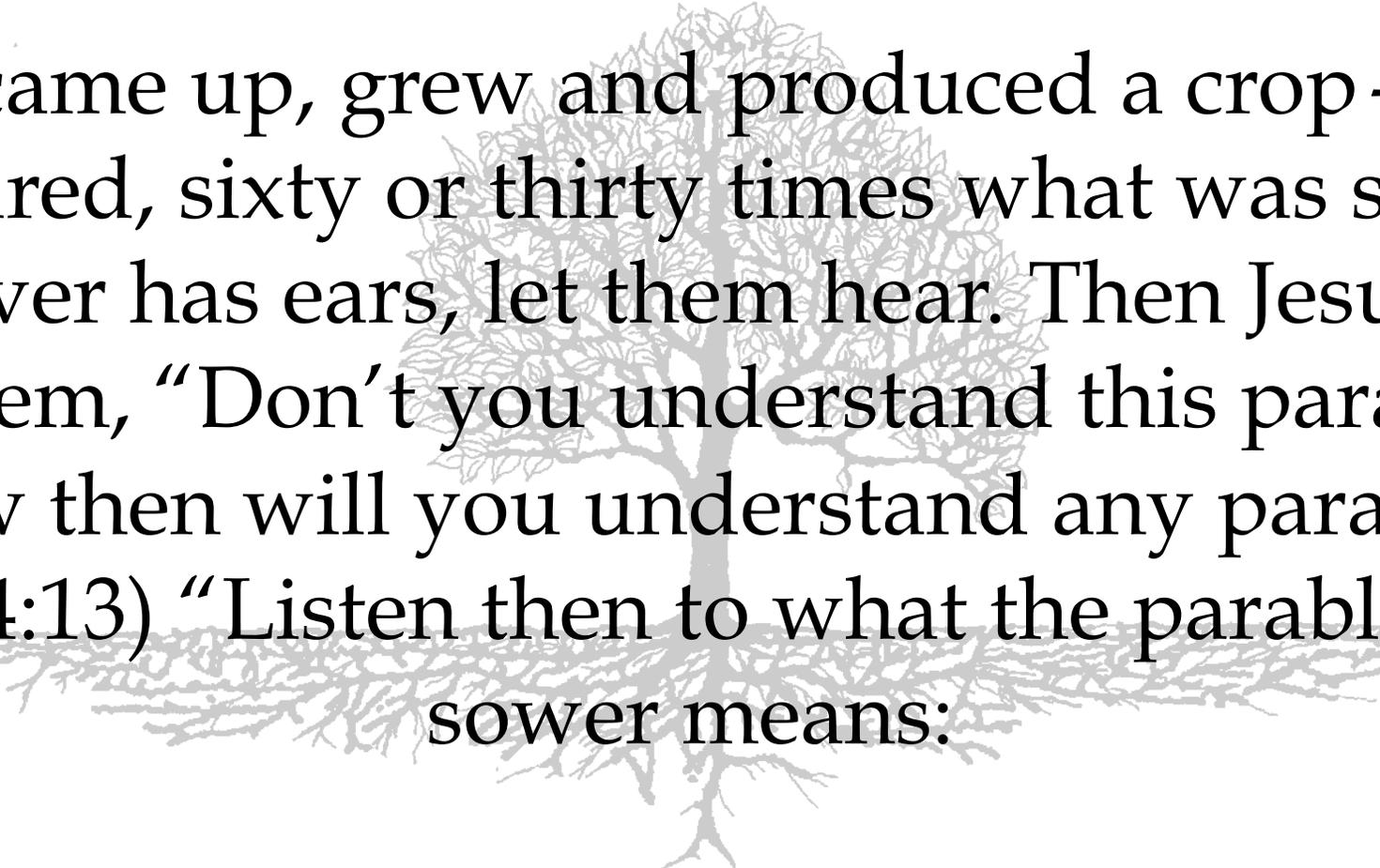
These women were helping to support them out of their own means. Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying:



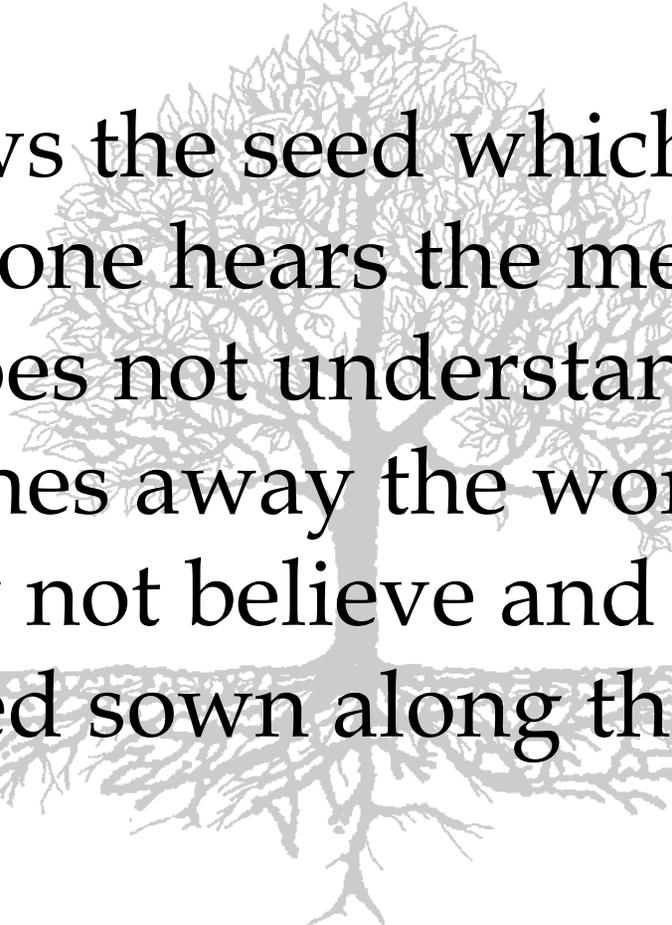
“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, it was trampled on and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.



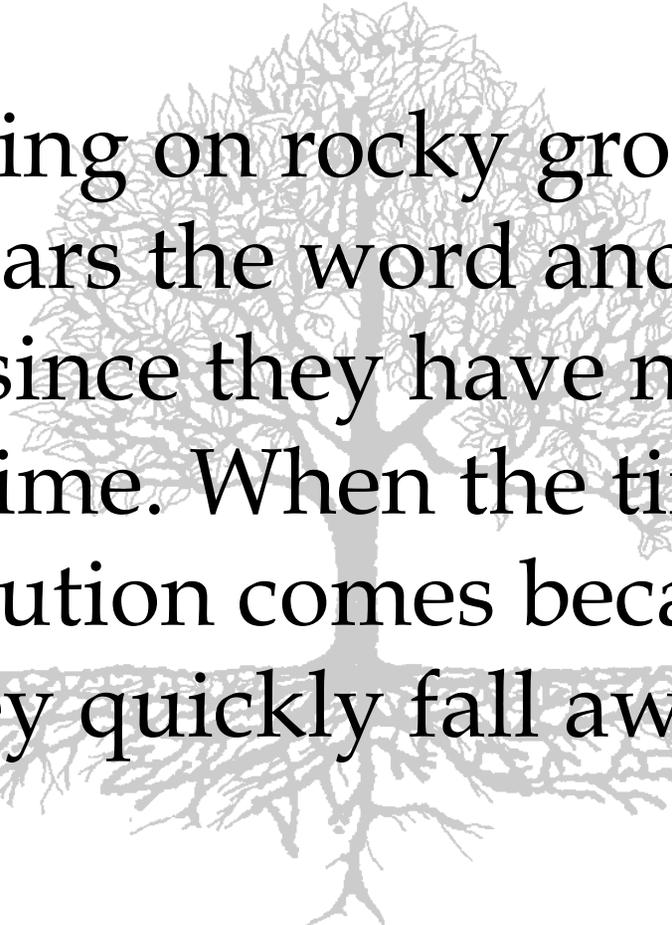
But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, they withered because they had no root and because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil,



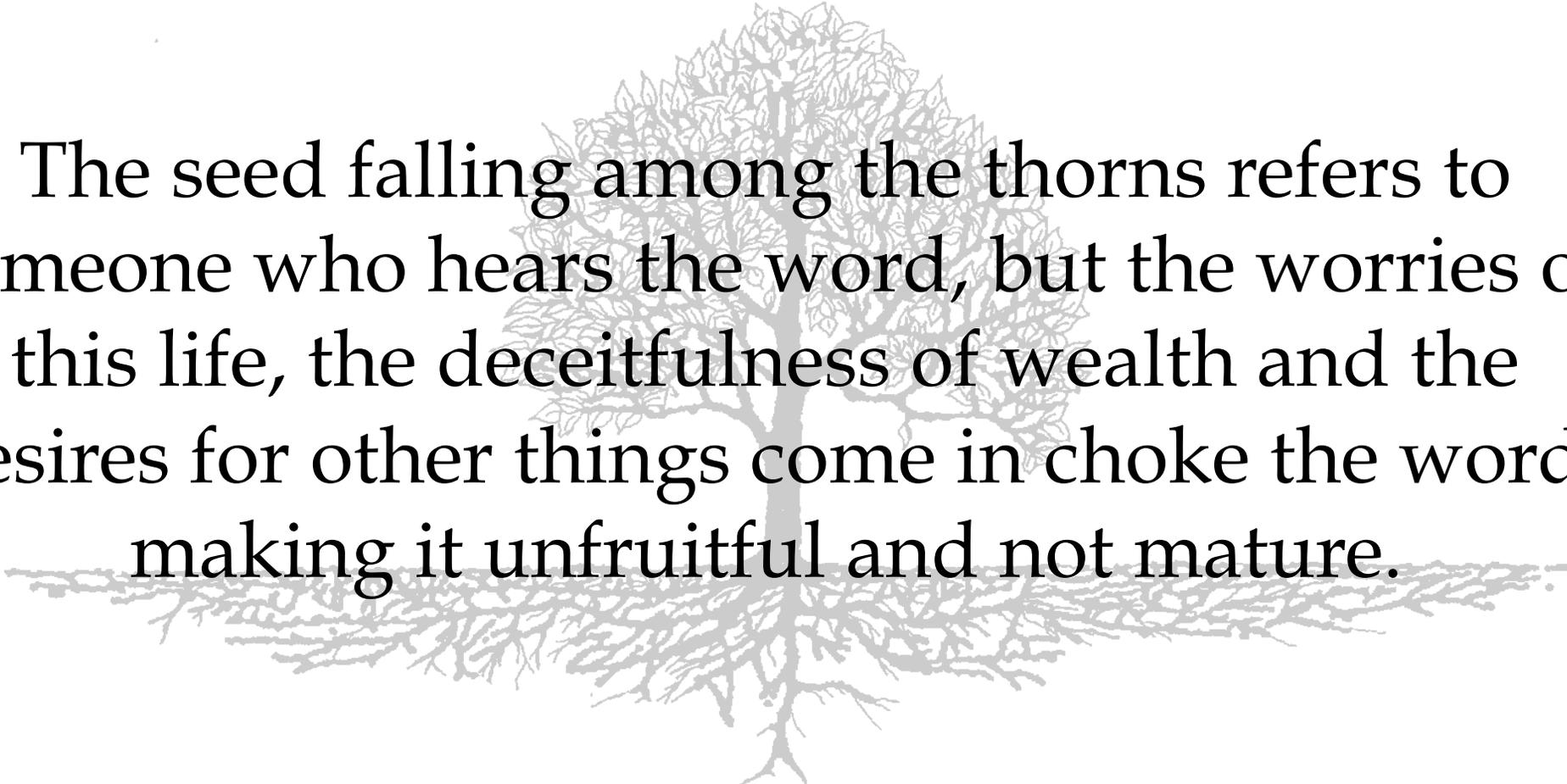
it came up, grew and produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear. Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? (Mark 4:13) “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:



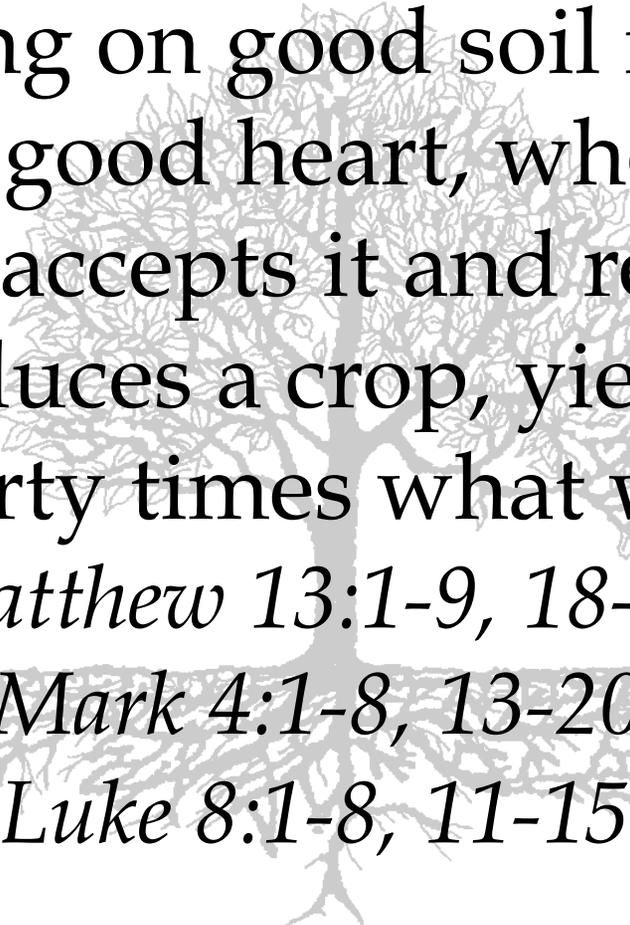
The farmer sows the seed which is the word of God. When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away the word in their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. This is the seed sown along the path.



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 the time of testing, trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.



The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful and not mature.

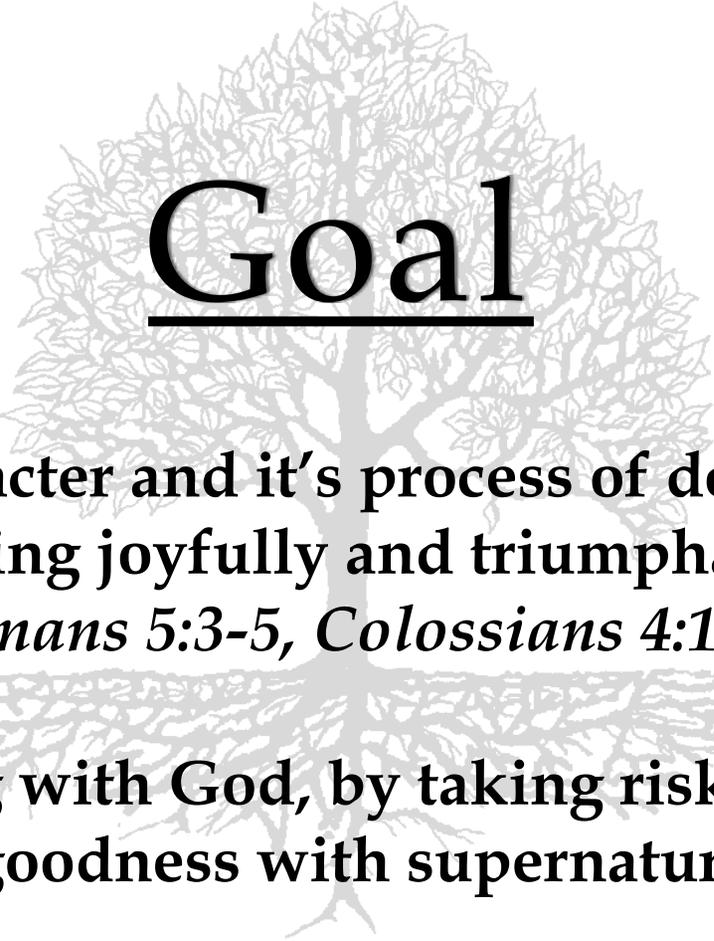


But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone with a noble and good heart, who hears the word, understands it, accepts it and retains it, and by persevering produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mark 4:1-8, 13-20

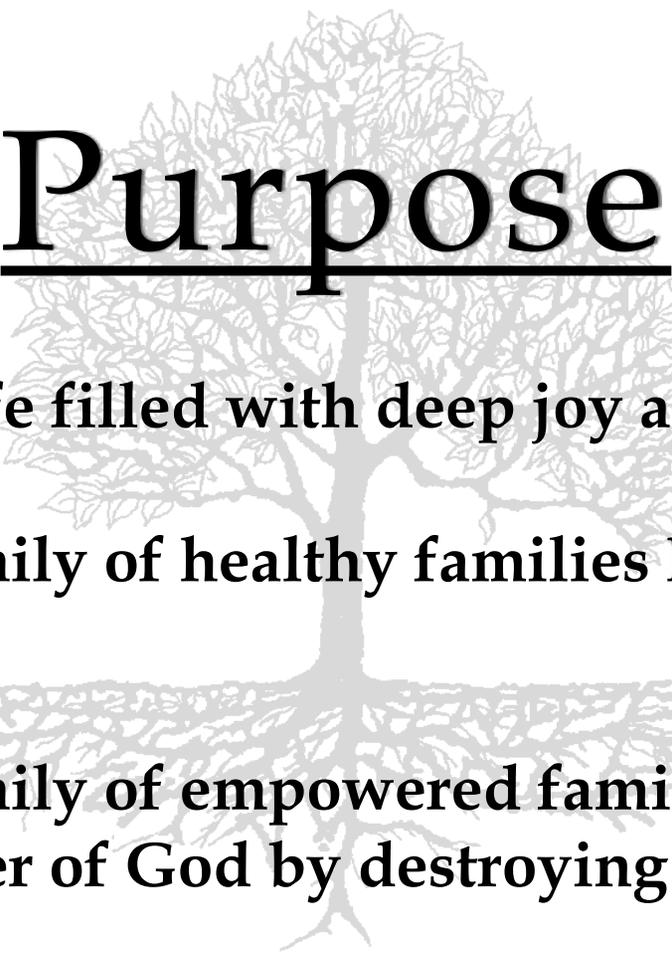
Luke 8:1-8, 11-15



Goal

- ★ To understand character and it's process of development so we are carriers of hope, standing joyfully and triumphantly in any situation. (*Ephesians 6:10-14, Romans 5:3-5, Colossians 4:12*)
- ★ I want us partnering with God, by taking risks and believing God will demonstrate His goodness with supernatural power. (*Acts 1:8*)

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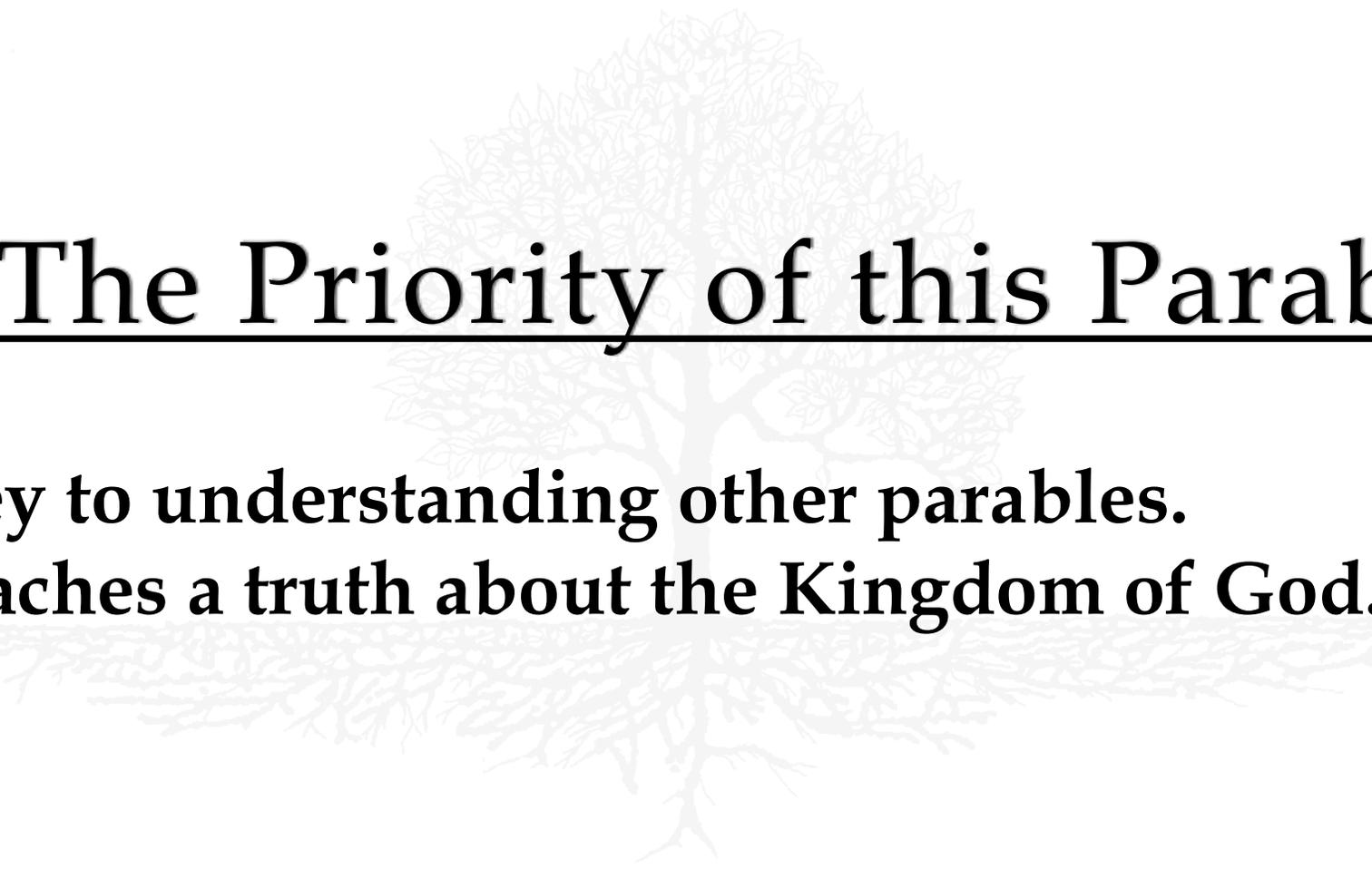


Purpose

- ★ I want us to live a life filled with deep joy and a fulfilling purpose.
- ★ I want us to be a family of healthy families known for integrity and strong character.
- ★ I want us to be a family of empowered families that supernaturally demonstrates the power of God by destroying the work of the devil and doing good.

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1. The Priority of this Parable

- 1. A key to understanding other parables.**
- 2. It teaches a truth about the Kingdom of God.**

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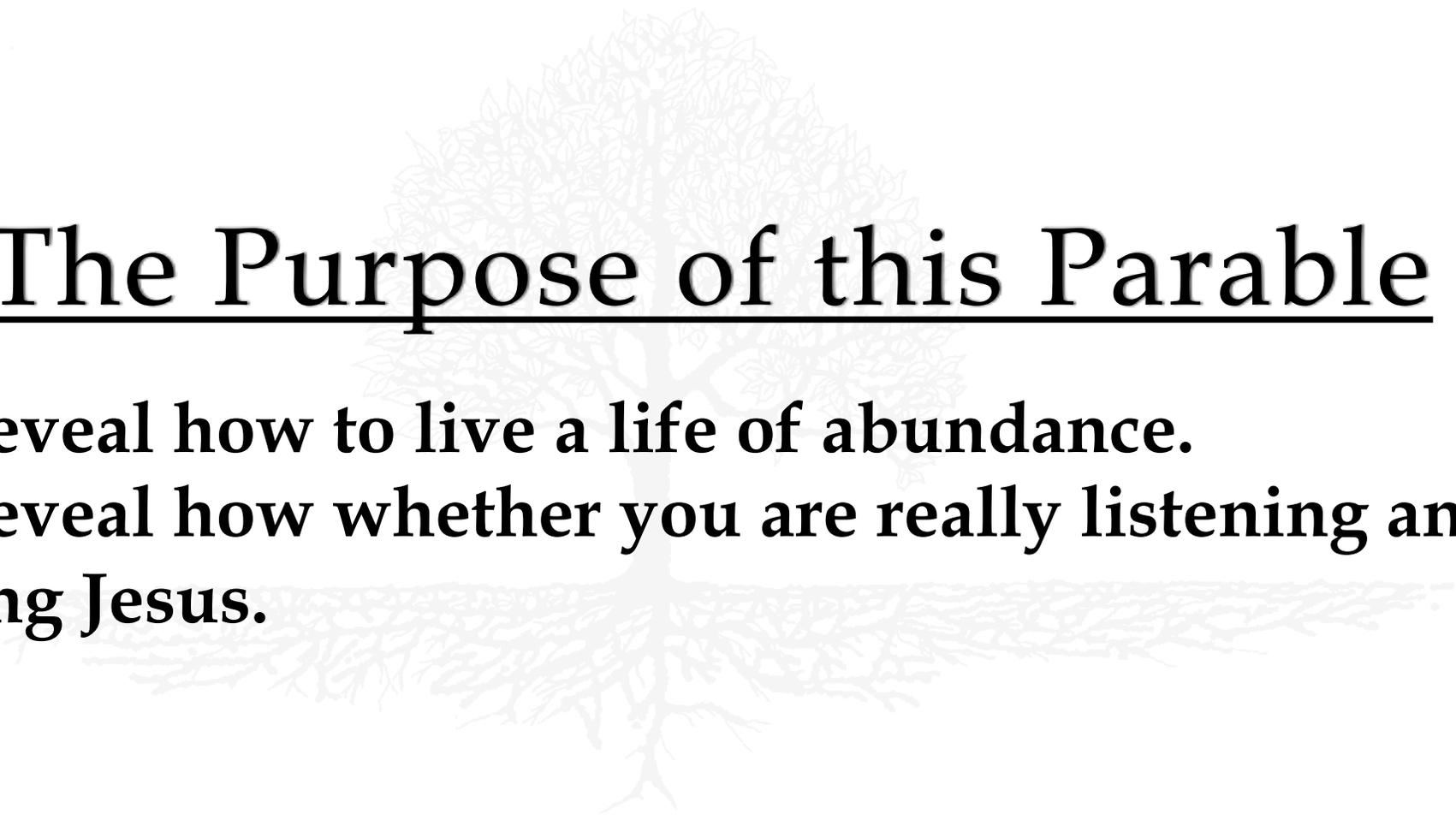
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Earthly Kingdoms:
Force, Coercion, Persuasion
Getting a “hearing”



God's Kingdom:
Listening well and deep.
Gives a hearing to others.

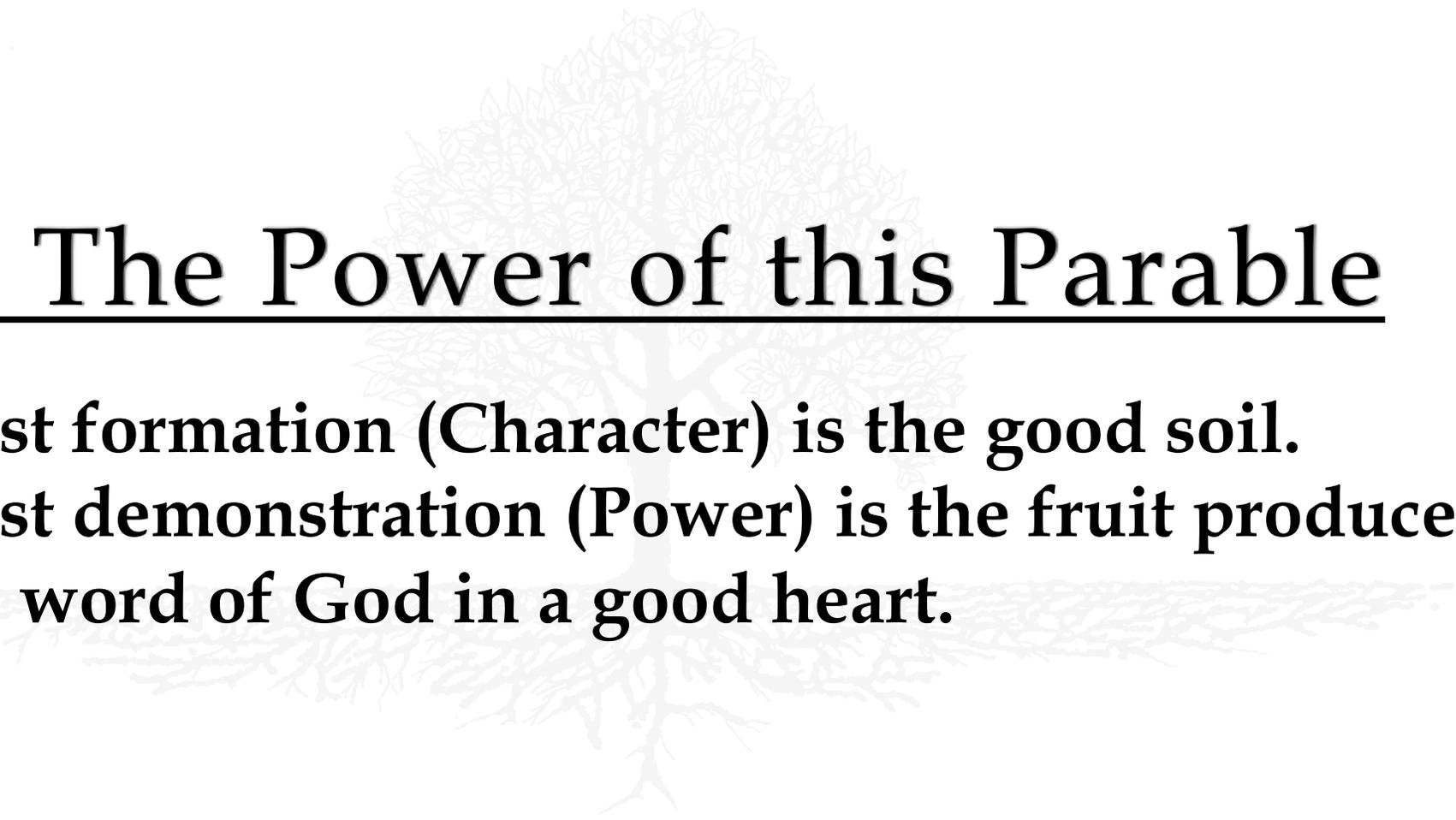


2. The Purpose of this Parable

- 1. To reveal how to live a life of abundance.**
- 2. To reveal how whether you are really listening and obeying Jesus.**

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3. The Power of this Parable

- 1. Christ formation (Character) is the good soil.**
- 2. Christ demonstration (Power) is the fruit produced by the word of God in a good heart.**

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Parable of the Sower

Hard Heart Needs:	Shallow Heart Needs:	Thorny Heart Needs:	Good Heart Needs:
<p>Understanding <i>Colossians 2:2</i></p>	<p>Moisture of God's word <i>Jeremiah 2:13</i></p>	<p>Contentment <i>Philippians 4:12</i></p>	<p>Do what is right. <i>Micah 6:8</i></p>
<p>To believe <i>John 1:12, 6:29</i> <i>1 John 3:23</i></p>	<p>Endurance - <i>Romans 5:1-5,</i> <i>Heb. 10:36</i></p>	<p>Faith / Trust <i>Romans 10:17, 12:3</i></p>	<p>Love mercy. <i>Micah 6:8</i></p>
<p>Salvation <i>Luke 1:77, Romans 1:16</i></p>		<p>To be generous <i>Luke 8:3</i></p>	<p>Walk humbly. <i>Micah 6:8</i></p>

What do we do?

1. Respond to what you need.
2. Spend time in Matthew 13, Mark 4 and Luke 8, doing some heart work, allowing God to identify the stony paths, shallow soil and thorny places.
3. Repent and share with a friend.
4. Spend time in the word of God. (Reflect / SOAP)