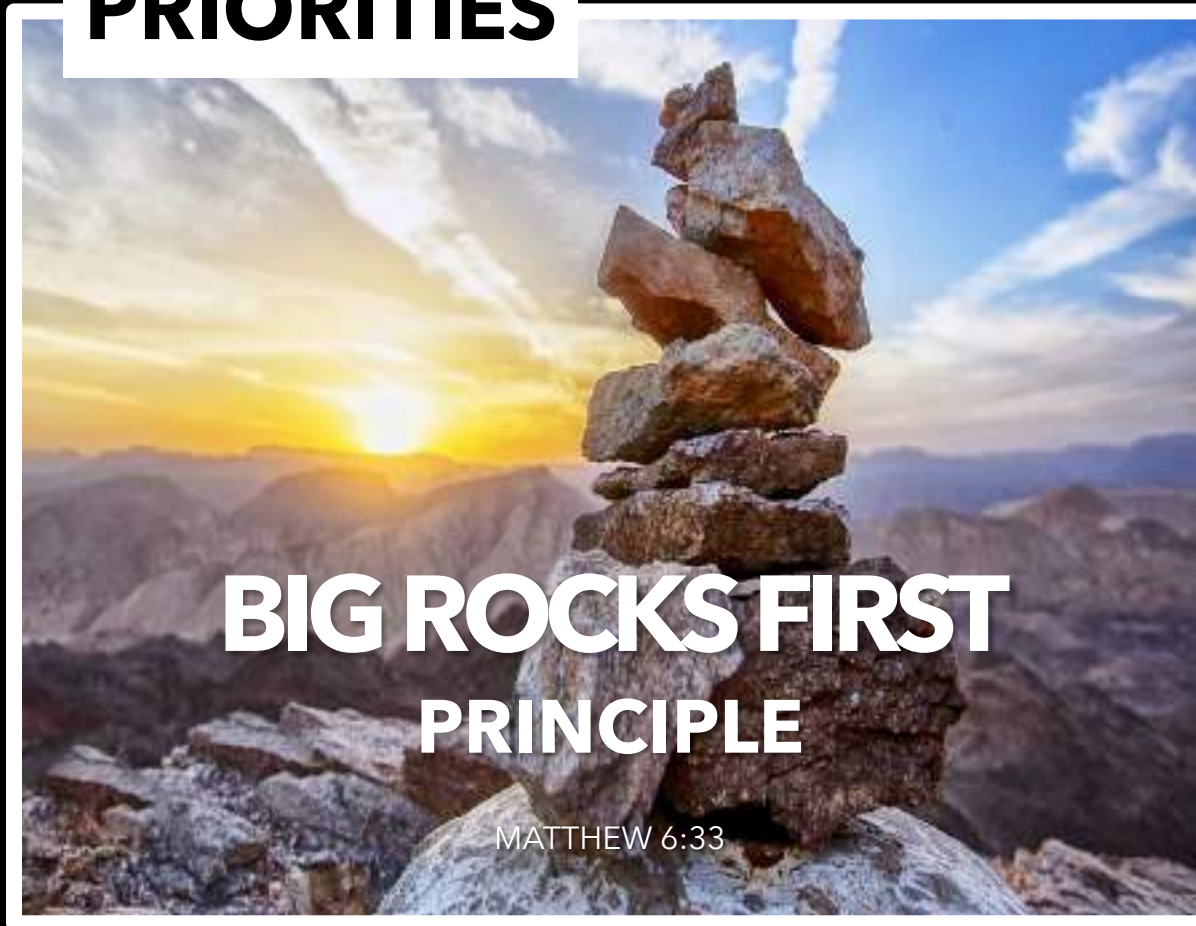


A person with a backpack stands on dark, jagged rocks overlooking a large body of water. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, purple, and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. In the background, there are dark mountains. A white compass rose is overlaid on the person's back, pointing towards the horizon. The text 'True NORTH' is written in a white, elegant font across the upper part of the image.

True
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PRIORITIES FROM THE PARABLES

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Where do your priorities lie?



**And the whole crowd stood on
the beach, and He told them
many things in parables saying,**

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

MATTHEW 13:1-23



"A sower went out to sow." And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.

ON THE PATH

MATTHEW 13:1-23



**Other seeds fell on rocky ground,
where they did not have much soil,
and immediately they sprang up
since they had no depth of soil**

ON THE ROCKS

MATTHEW 13:1-23



But when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.

ON THE ROCKS

MATTHEW 13:1-23

A photograph of a sandy path leading through tall grasses towards a blue ocean under a cloudy sky. The path is covered in footprints.

**Other seeds fell among thorns,
and the thorns grew up and
choked them.**

IN THE THORNS

MATTHEW 13:1-23



Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

ON GOOD SOIL

MATTHEW 13:1-23



“He who has ears, let him hear.”

MATTHEW 13:1-23



Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

WHY PARABLES?

MATTHEW 13:1-23



And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

TO KNOW THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM

MATTHEW 13:1-23



For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

TO REVEAL AND TO CONCEAL THE BLESSED LIFE

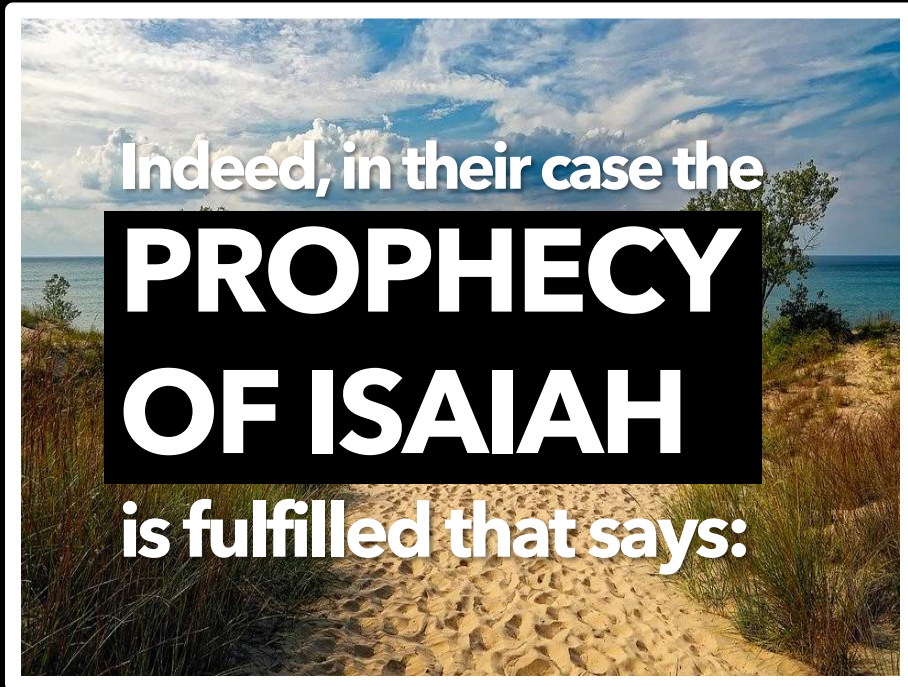
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This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

WHY PARABLES?

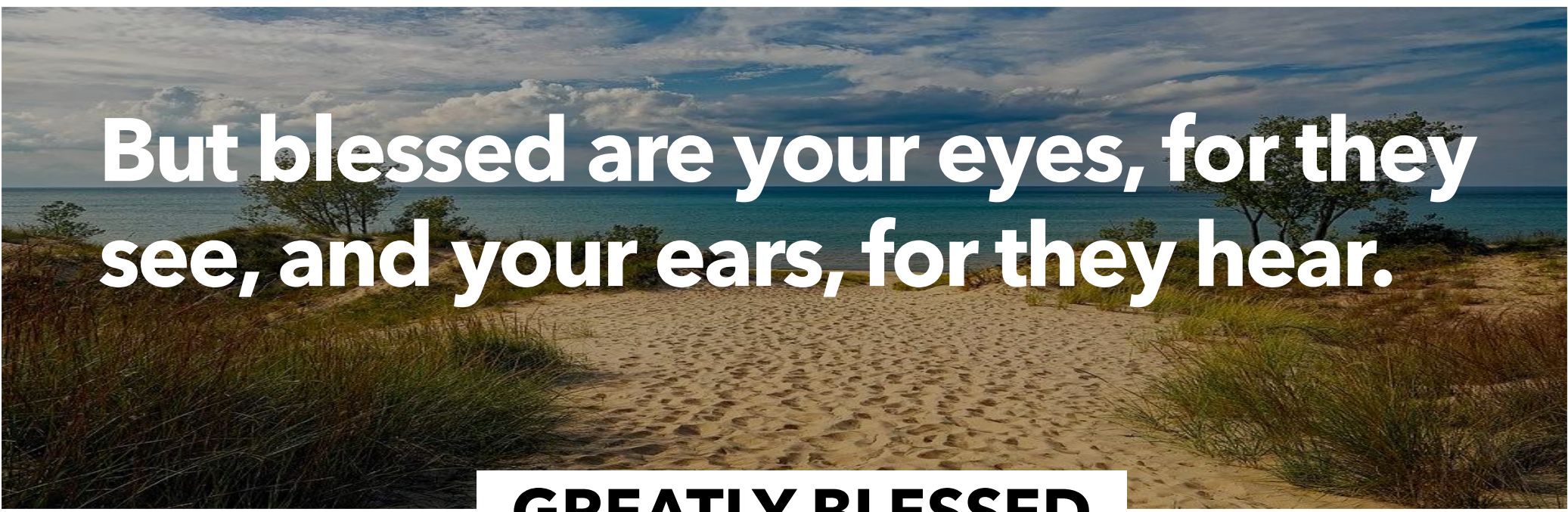
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“You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive.”

For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed,

Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them.’

A photograph of a sandy dune path leading to a beach under a cloudy sky. The path is made of light-colored sand and is flanked by tall, dry grasses. In the background, there is a blue ocean and a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

GREATLY BLESSED

MATTHEW 13:1-23



For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

HIGHLY FAVORED

MATTHEW 13:1-23

PARABLES

- ❑ **TEACHING AIDS:** 35 in the Gospels from Jesus.
- ❑ **PARALLEL TRUTHS:** "Cast alongside" the analogy.
- ❑ **TWO-FOLD PURPOSE:** To reveal & conceal truth.
- ❑ **EAR TO HEAR:** Listen as one seeking the truth.
- ❑ **INTERPRETATION:** Scope, Meaning, Comparison
- ❑ **KNOW THE SECRETS:** Of Kingdom of God living



Hear the parable of the sower.

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

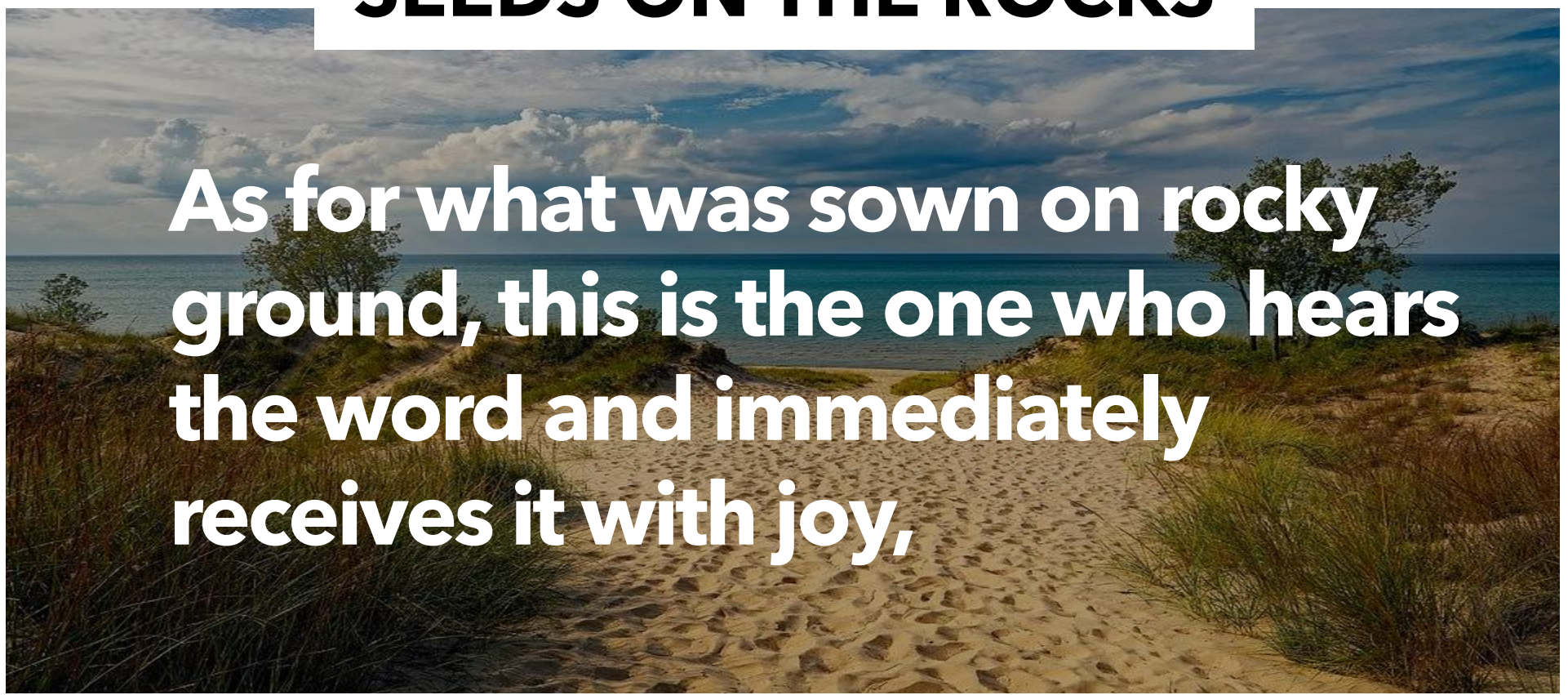
MATTHEW 13:1-23

SEEDS ON THE PATH

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

MATTHEW 13:1-23

SEEDS ON THE ROCKS

A scenic view of a sandy dune path leading to a beach and the ocean under a cloudy sky. The path is made of light-colored sand and is flanked by tall, dry grasses. In the background, there are several trees and a clear view of the ocean meeting a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

MATTHEW 13:1-23

SEEDS ON THE ROCKS

**Yet he has no root in himself,
but endures for a while, and
when tribulation or persecution
arises on account of the word,
immediately he falls away.**

MATTHEW 13:1-23

SEEDS ON THE THORNS

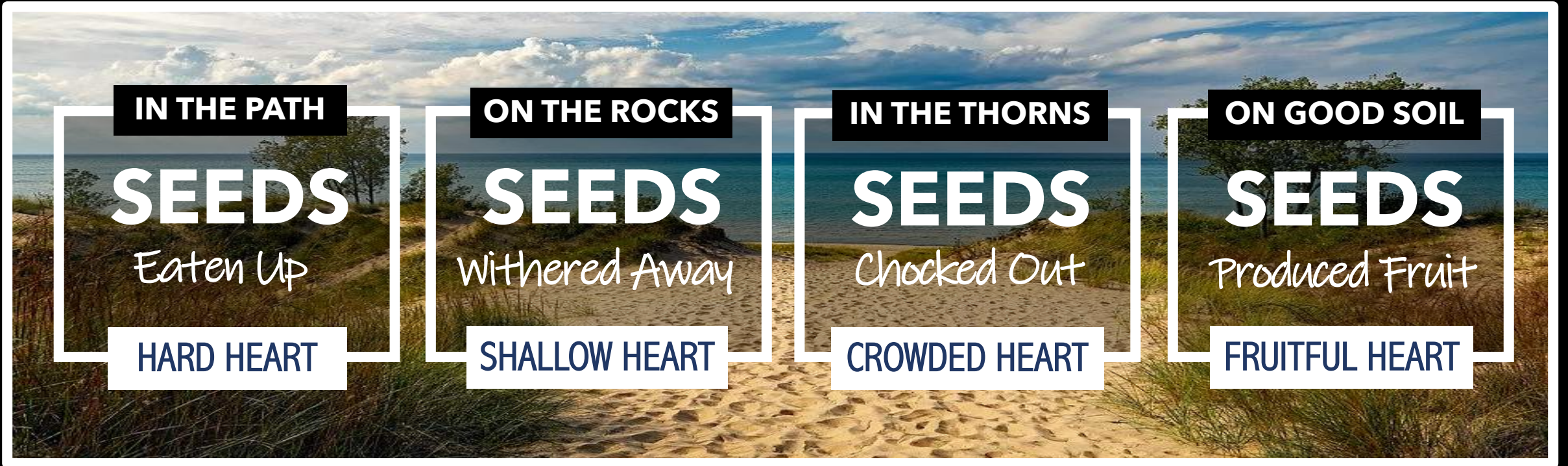
**As for what was sown among thorns,
this is the one who hears the word,
but the cares of the world and the
deceitfulness of riches choke the
word, and it proves unfruitful.**

MATTHEW 13:1-23

SEEDS ON GOOD SOIL

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

MATTHEW 13:1-23



“He who has ears, let him hear.”

MATTHEW 13:1-23



JAMES 1:19-20

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.



JAMES 1:21

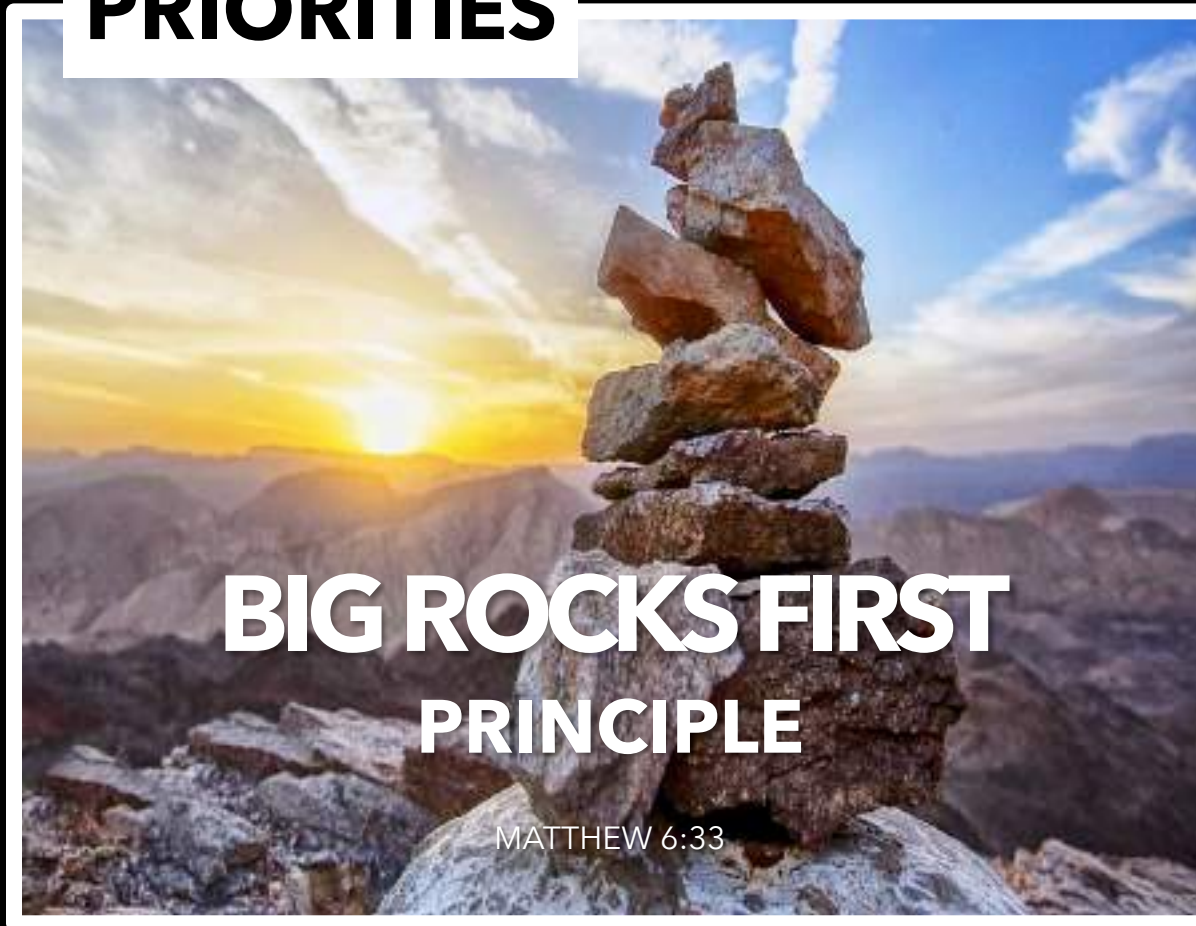
21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.



JAMES 1:22

But be doers of the word,
and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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PRIORITIES FROM THE PARABLES

"Blessed are the..."

MATTHEW 5:3-10

1. POOR IN SPIRIT

PRIORITY OF
Humility

"Two Men Praying"
Luke 18:9-14

2. THOSE WHO MOURN

PRIORITY OF
Grace

"The Prodigal"
Luke 15:11-24

3. THE MEEK

PRIORITY OF
Self-Control

"Log & Speck"
Matt. 7:1-5

4. HUNGER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS

PRIORITY OF
Holiness

"Rich Fool"
Luke 12:13-21

"Blessed are the..."

MATTHEW 5:3-10

5. THE MERCIFUL

PRIORITY OF
Compassion

"Good Samaritan"

Luke 10:25-37

6. PURE IN HEART

PRIORITY OF
Honesty

"Mouth of Lies"

Matt. 15:10-20

7. THE PEACEMAKERS

PRIORITY OF
Forgiveness

"Unmerciful Servant"

Matt. 18:23-35

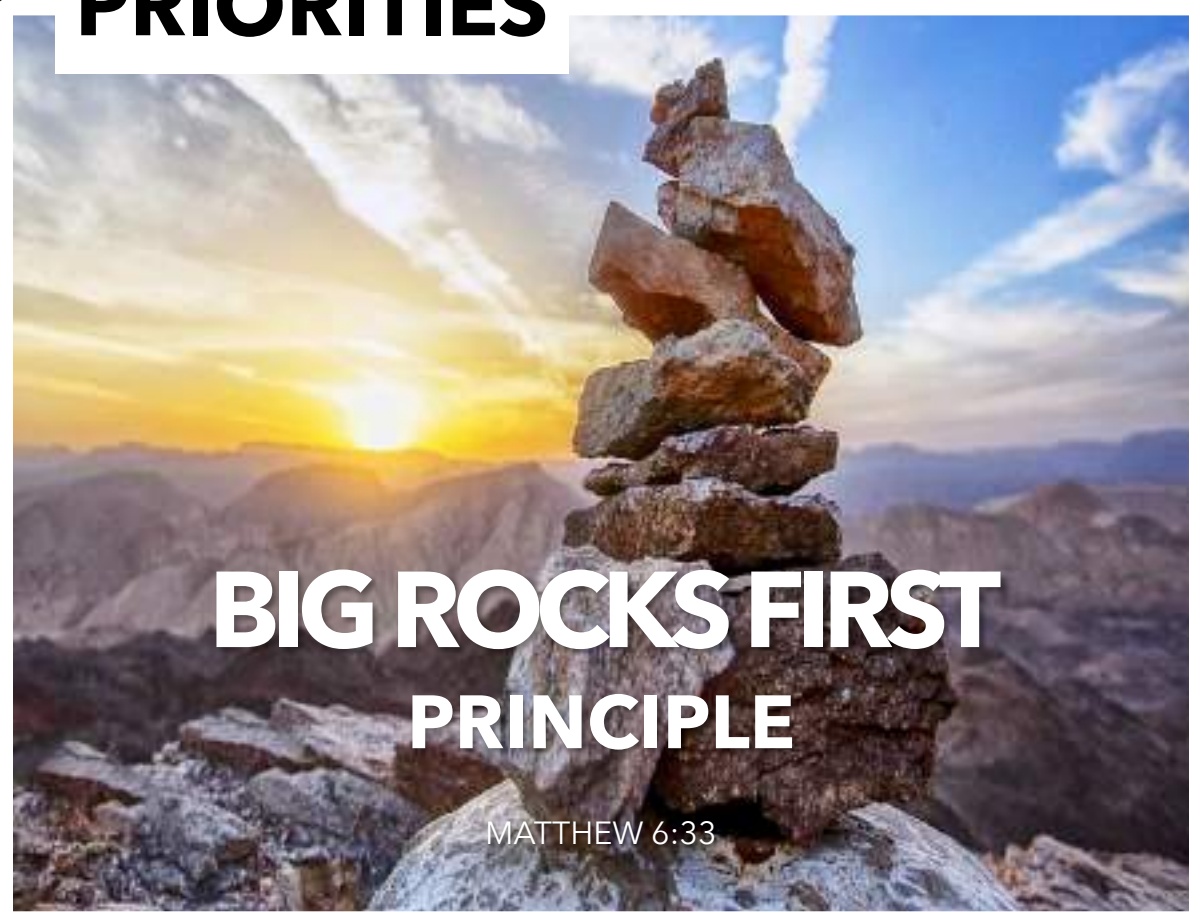
8. THE PERSECUTED

PRIORITY OF
Perseverance

"Sheep & Goats"

Matt. 25:31-46

PRIORITIES



BIG ROCKS FIRST PRINCIPLE

MATTHEW 6:33

1. Humility
2. Grace
3. Self-Control
4. Holiness
5. Compassion
6. Honesty
7. Peacemaking
8. Perseverance

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