### JESUS CENTER

# MORD MARRIOR

BECOMING MIGHTY IN THE SCRIPTURES



### The Parable of the Sower provides answers to these:

- Why do some people GROW in their faith and others don't—when they go to the same church and sit under the same teaching?
- Why do some people seem to live a SUPERNATURAL life, and others live a very NATURAL life—when both claim to be followers of Jesus?
- Why are some people so extraordinary and other people so ORDINARY when both read their Bibles?
- How come some people become more LIKE CHRIST, and other people stay stuck in their unChristlikeness—even though they both identify as born-again Christians?

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." (Luke 8:4-8)

"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." (Matthew 13:32)

"But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold." When He had said these things He cried, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Then His disciples asked Him, saying, "What does this parable mean?" And He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand." (Luke 8:8-10)

## "He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel." (Psalm 103:7)

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened." (Matthew 7:7)

## "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." (Psalm 25:14)

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 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." (Luke 8:11-12)

"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. 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. (Luke 8:13-14)

"Blessed Don't Approach the Word of God "don't blame the thorns, the gardener is responsible for not dealing with the thorns and allowing them to fester." -John Chrysostom

"Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21)

## "break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord" (Hosea 10:12)

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### "The good ground was the ground that was deep and clean and well-prepared." —William Barclay

"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." (Luke 8:15)