



WELCOME



Our Goal: 10 Boxes

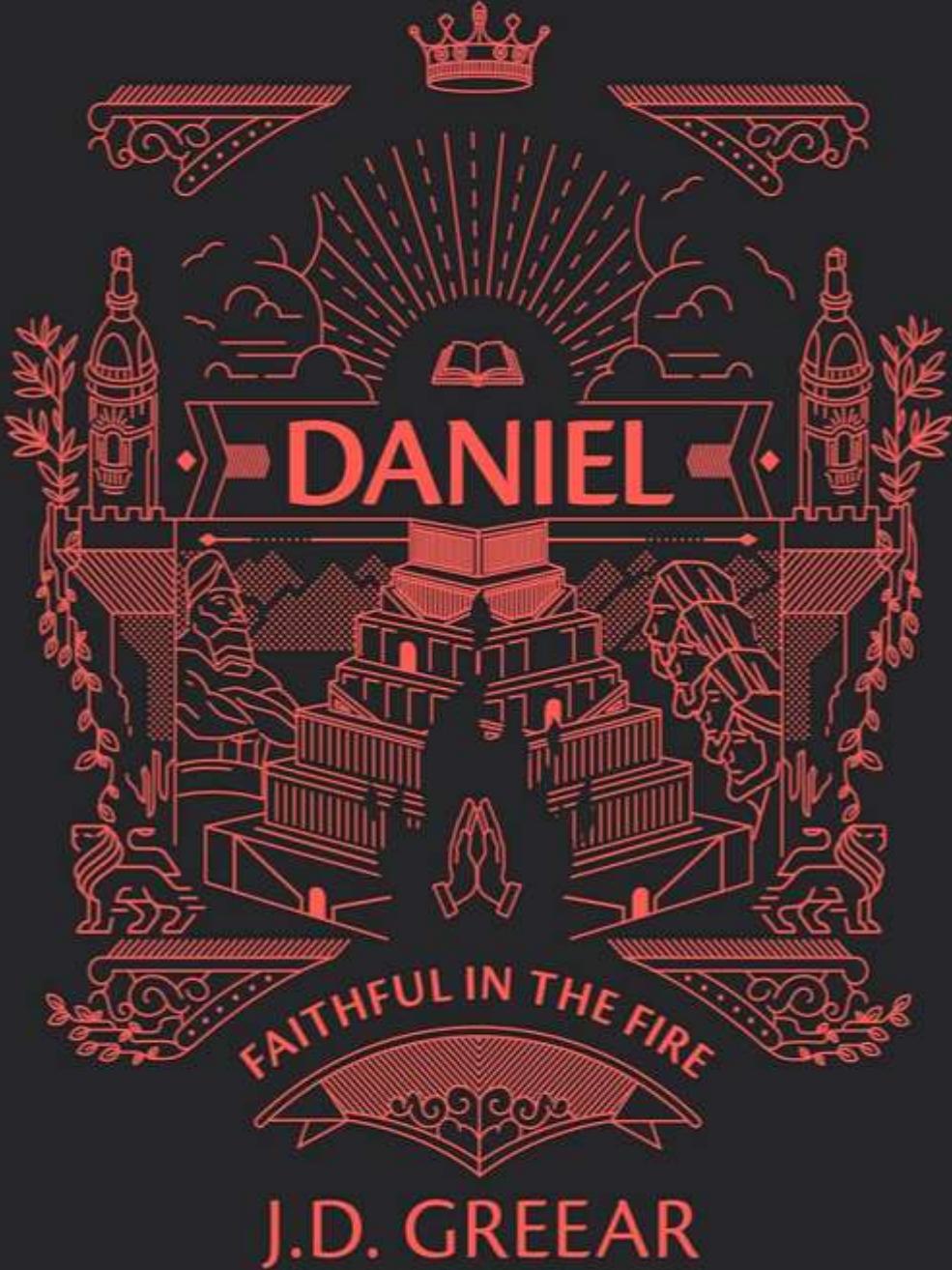
We filled 15 Boxes!



Men's Study
Tuesdays 6pm
Dinner Provided



8-SESSION MEN'S BIBLE STUDY WITH VIDEO ACCESS



Pray all the way
to the finish line!





JESUS' PARABLES

-stories that teach-

The Sower



Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8

Matthew 13:3-9

Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.” (NIV)

Parable of the Sower: Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8

Matthew 13:1-9

¹⁰ The disciples **came to him and asked**, “Why do you speak to the people in parables?”

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. (NIV)

Different Types of Soil

(Matthew 13)

Soil on the Path

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and **does not understand it**, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

Rocky Soil

²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. **When trouble or persecution comes because of the word**, they quickly fall away.

Thorns

²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the **worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word**, making it unfruitful.

Good Soil

Matthew 13:23

“But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who **hears the word and understands it**. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”



Good Soil

Mark 4:20

Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, **accept it**, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”



Good Soil

Luke 8:15

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.



What Kind of Soil are You?

We have a choice! We are commanded to "shepherd our hearts"

Soil on the Path

Hebrews 4:7
“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not **harden your**
hearts.” NIV

Rocky Soil

1 Peter 3:13–14
Who is going to harm you if
you are eager to do good?
But even if you should suffer
for what is right, you are
blessed. “**Do not fear** their
threats; do not be
frightened.” NIV

Thorns

Proverbs 7:25
Do not **let your heart** turn to
her ways
or stray into her paths. NIV

John 14:14
“**Do not let your hearts** be
troubled. You believe in God;
believe also in me.” NIV

Becoming Good Soil

Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who **meditates on his law day and night.**
³ That person is like **a tree planted by streams of water**,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.
⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.
⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Becoming Good Soil

- **Breaking up hard ground** – Receptive to His encouragement (truth) and instruction.
- **Putting down roots** – Letting the Word become your way of life and how you think. Your anchor, foundation.
- **Weeding the thorns** - Where are you really looking for life?



Psalm 23



