



# Parable of the Sower & the Seed

Soil Analysis

# Matthew 13 – Soil Analysis

**<sup>3</sup> And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;  
<sup>4</sup> And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: <sup>5</sup> Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: <sup>6</sup> And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: <sup>8</sup> But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. <sup>9</sup> Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

The natural aspects of the story we see some basic elements:

- The Sower – the Hope dealer, planting and hoping for good things to grow
- The seed – the embryo of a future plant, purpose is to grow and multiply new plants
- The fowl – birds show up and eat the seeds they find, prevents growth and fruit
- The ground – four different types of soil. Critical first place for promoting growth
  - Only one type of ground is called good. Only one ground harvests fruit

# Look at this in the Natural

- The sower is throwing seed everywhere – it will fall in four places
- Wayside – hard packed, walked on
- Stony – quick results but stones in the way, wont last
- Thorns – produce results but compete with thorns and get choked out
- Good Ground – matures into fruit, successful

# Soil Analysis Part 1 – Hard Folks

**<sup>18</sup> Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.**

**<sup>19</sup> When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.**

We make the shift from the natural to the Spiritual application.  
Understanding the natural explains the spiritual.

# Jesus Breaking This Down – The Hard Mind

- The Kingdom works like this now (both in the world and in you)
- The Word is the seed, but if you don't understand, it sits there
- Wayside – the edge or border of the road – real hard
  - They are on the edge of a breakthrough
  - They hear and they are in need, but **they don't understand the Word**
  - So the word just sits there but doesn't sink in
- The devil acts like the birds, when he and his folks see that Word just sitting there, they grab it


# Observations About the Hard Mind

Why put the Word  
out there if they  
ain't gonna receive  
it?


- 2 Peter 3:9, I'm not wasting my time, some folks will get it, some won't
- Because that's how the Kingdom operates
- Sower – how you throw it out there can impact how hard folks receive it

Why Ain't They  
Understanding?

- Not hearing what they want to hear
- Don't really want to change, hook me up so I can stay like this
- Not trying to do it God's way, doing it my way
- I hear ya' preacha, but I don't think this will work for me
- Just don't believe...or just don't see the need to change



# Why Does the devil Show Up to Steal?

- Hates God, so he hates who God loves
  - Wants us to serve him rather than God
  - The enemy knows how the Word works
    - Knows if you ever get the Word in your heart, it will set you free, please God, and do significant damage to his kingdom
  - How does he come at us to steal?
    - Twists the Word, uses deception and the world
    - Asks questions to cause you to doubt the Word and what God wants for you
    - Accuses us
    - Temptations
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# How Ya' Living?

- Nowhere is it stated that the seed is at fault; it is the ground and the receiver where the problem and differences lie.
- Spreading the seed is not in vain. Not all will get it; but some will. Are you a Sower? Where do you get your seed?
- Don't just hear the word, get an understanding and know how to apply it.
- Just because you start out on the wrong ground, doesn't mean you have to stay there.



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The natural aspects of the story we see some basic elements:

- The Sower – the Hope dealers, Jesus and believers putting that word out there
- The seed – the embryo of a future plant, purpose is to grow and multiply new plants
- The stones – already there taking up space
- The ground – the earth where growth starts
- The Sun – needed for growth, but too much heat can damage plants

# Soil Analysis Part 2 – Stoned Folks

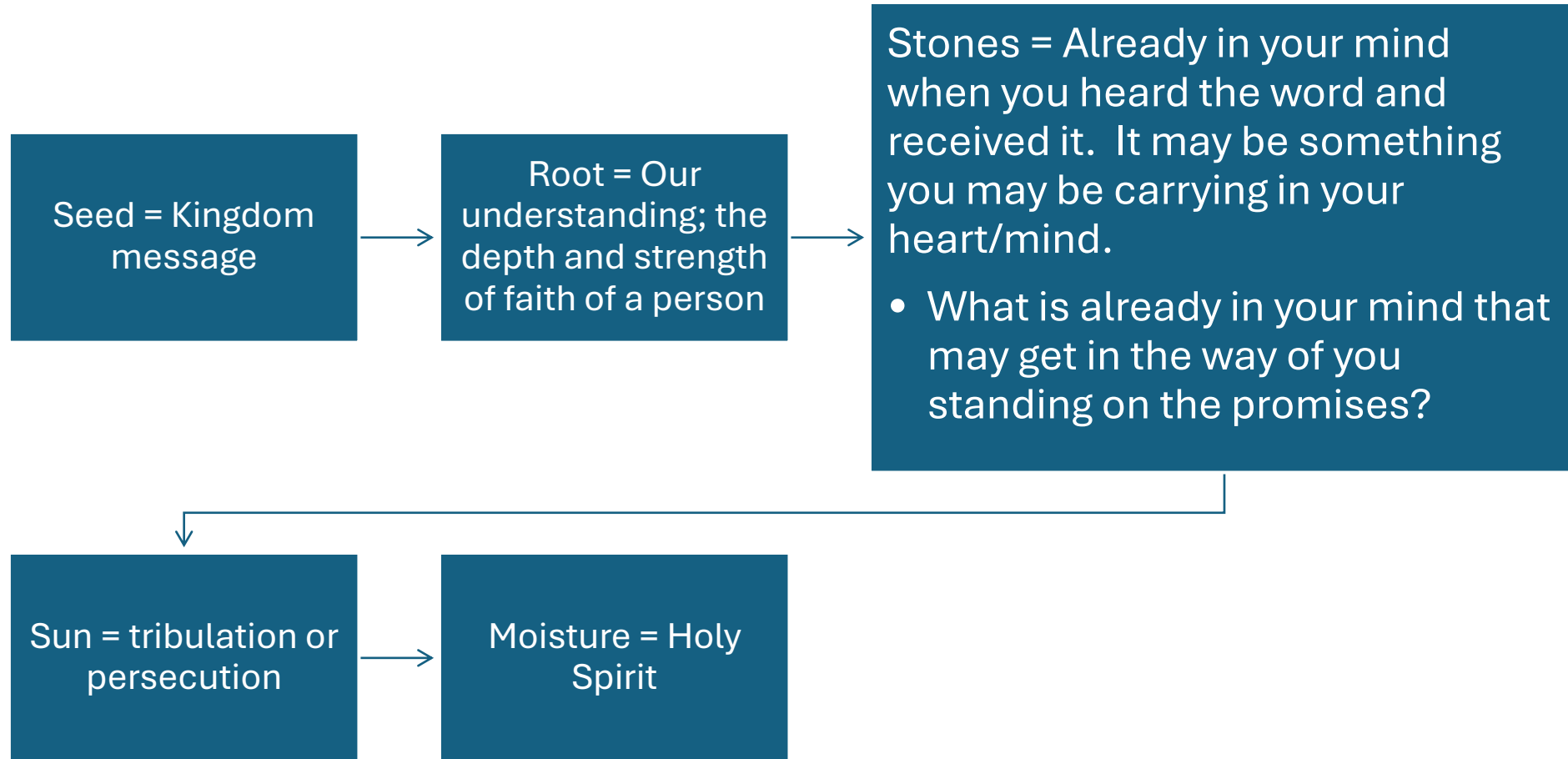
**<sup>18</sup> Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower.**

**<sup>20</sup> But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; <sup>21</sup> Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.**

We make the shift from the natural to the Spiritual application.

- The seed is received, and folks are happy and rejoice.
- Quick growth and change occurs.
- Can't get deep because of the stones that were already there.
- Sun represents tough times because you trying to do and be right.
- Afterwhile, they fall away.

# Jesus Breaking This Down – Stoners





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## The Sun & Trials as Part of the Growth Process

- Sunlight is vital for plant growth, provides energy
- Tribulations challenges contribute to spiritual growth and maturity

Romans 5:3-5

<sup>3</sup> And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> and perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Water is a representation of the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37-39

**<sup>37</sup> On the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

How can you deal with a stoned mind?

Follow the steps. Gain a deeper understanding of the Kingdom process, how this works.

# Will the devil Show Up Here Like With Hard Folks? Yes....Indeed

- The devil doesn't mind you getting excited about God or coming to church; but he doesn't want you to stand on the Word.
  - There must be something about the Word that the devil knows, if you ever truly understand, it will set you free, please God, fulfill His plan for you.
  - The Kingdom message can produce a life changing miracle. But the effectiveness is impacted by your state of mind and depth of understanding.
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- Look at Matthew 4 – the temptation of Christ follows the process and reveals the enemies plan of attack. Still works the same way today....get ready!

# How Ya' Living?

- Congratulations! You got saved and everybody rejoiced.
- Jesus, the Word is in your heart but your roots ain't deep enough yet.
- Troubles are coming....they are part of the process.
- When going through a good workout, you need to get hydrated in the natural.
- Just because you been failing, you can recover!
- How can I get through this tough time to survive and grow?
  - Just follow the Steps.

# The Invitation.....Just Believe

Recognize that you  
need God

Where is the Word  
right now in your  
mind?

Are you picking it up,  
or is it just sitting  
there?

Don't let the devil  
keep you from what  
God has for you

If recovery and  
victory wasn't in your  
future, he wouldn't  
be fighting you

Follow the steps



# Soil Analysis Part 3 – The Unconscious Mind

**<sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:**

**<sup>9</sup> Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

You get results and growth but there are thorns which eventually outgrow the good plants, and it chokes them out and these plant don't produce what was expected.

They rob the soil of nutrients and water that the good plants need. Weeds produce nothing of value. The thorns are hidden in the ground until they germinate and then they spring up.

In the natural, the seed has success (there is nothing wrong with the seed). The plants spring up as expected. They are on the path to producing fruit. But they never make it.

# Jesus Breaking This Down Spiritually

**<sup>22</sup> He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.**

The spiritual analysis is as follows:

Thorns = cares of this world, including riches. Money and riches must be a tool to deceive believers from bearing fruit.

Seed = the word of the Kingdom.

So, Mark 4:19 describes the thorns as choking out the word.

# A Choked-Out Mind – A Very Dangerous Place

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They have experienced success...they have worked the Word

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Cares of life causes them to shift priorities

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They become choked because resources and time shifts

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They become unfruitful; they stop following the steps

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Danger....they become unconscious that they are out of alignment with the Kingdom

# Does the enemy Show Up? Yes, Like a Rat on a Cheeto

The devil attacks as outlined in 1 John 2:15-16 (using the world against God's plan)

- Lust of the flesh
- Pride of life
- Lust of the eye

**<sup>15</sup> Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

**<sup>16</sup> For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**

# Soil Analysis Part 4 – A Beautiful Mind

- <sup>8</sup> But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. <sup>9</sup> Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- These seeds produced what was expected.
- There were varying degrees of success.
- All were successful. There are no unsuccessful plants in this soil.



# Jesus Breaks It Down Spiritually

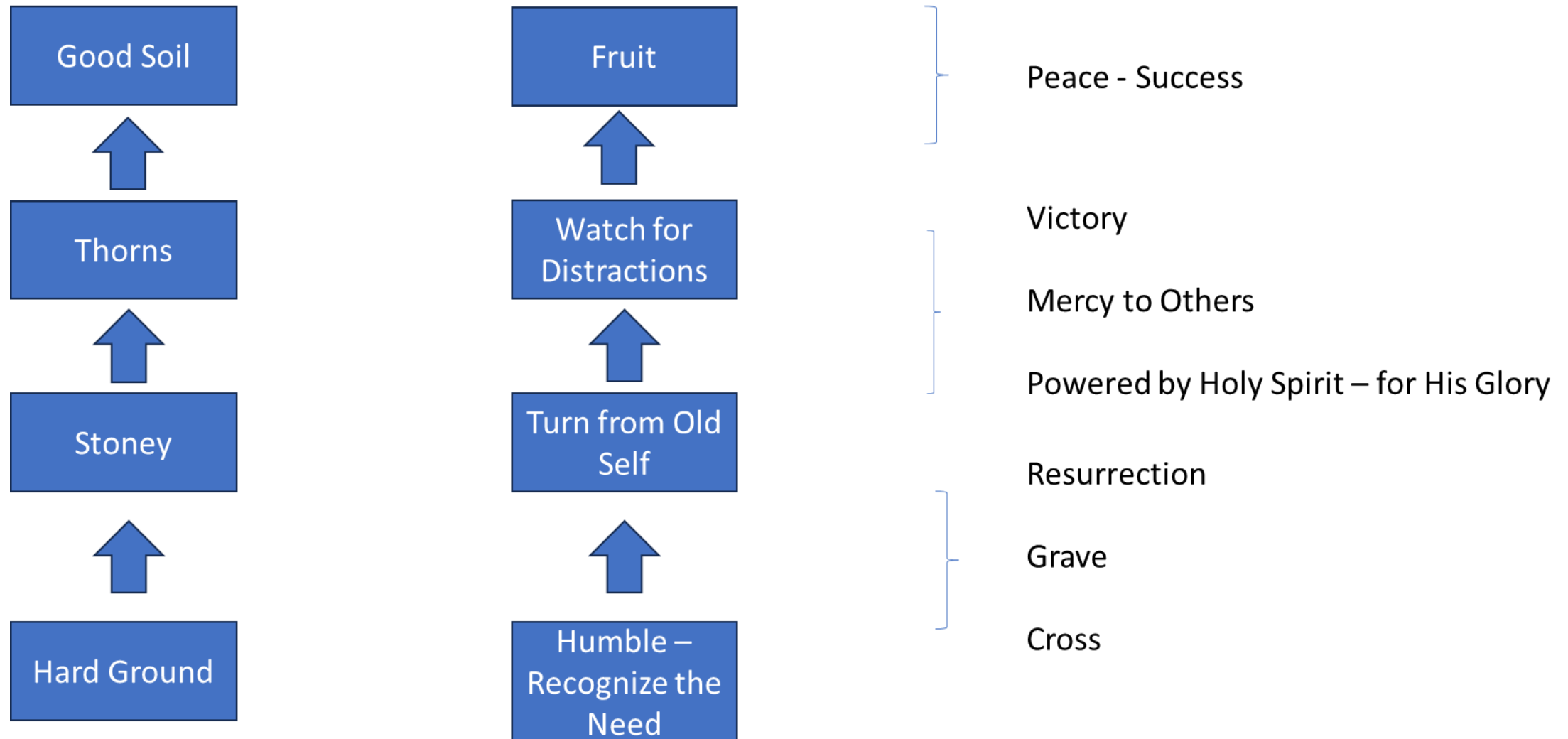
**<sup>23</sup> But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.**

Good Ground – The Beautiful Mind – this mindset represents those Christians who do three key things.

1. They hear the word. Faith comes by hearing the word.
2. They understand the word. Know the purpose and meaning.
3. They apply the word by faith, and it produces the expected results and success.  
They don't fail. The transformative power of the seed changes their lives and produces fruit.

## Side by Side Comparison – Maturity Process

What works in the natural applies in the Spiritual Realm



# What Does Kingdom Fruit Look Like?



Fruit of our labor, we produce more than what we started with.



Evangelism and a Witness– helping people find Christ and get in the right ground/mindset so the seed can perform its transformative work in their lives (John 4:35-36).



The Fruit of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5).



The outcome we expect from the Word of God.



Romans 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.



Praising God....the fruit of our lips



# Key Points

- There is nothing wrong with the seed – Word of the Kingdom
- The Kingdom and God rules your life when you have the right mind
- The Kingdom Steps/Process works if you have the right mind
- Just because you are in good ground, doesn't mean you can't lose your mind
- Just because you are in the wrong ground, doesn't mean you have to stay like that
- How Ya' living?
- The Word works if you believe