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Take Root

When will you make yourself available to meet with me in my word? I will set a daily time and place to meet with you in your word. I will make meeting with you in your word the priority of my life. Meeting with you in your word will be on my schedule. I will give you the best part of my day to meet with you in your word. **How will my word take root in you?** I will carry your word with me throughout the days of my life. I will meditate on your word. I will memorize your word. I will keep your word in my heart and mind. Your word will guard the course of my life. **How will you make sure that nothing thwarts the growth of my word in you?** I will never let anyone or anything crowd you out of my life. **What will you guard against?** I will make sure that the worries and cares and pleasures and riches of this life do not divert my attention from you and your word. I will focus my heart and mind and life fully on you. **What do you expect that my word will do in you, with you, for you and through you?** Your word will change my heart. Your word will transform my mind. Your word will guard and guide through life. You will use your word to mold and shape my life. You will use your word to make me into the person you have called me to become. Your word will make me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Every thought I think will be formed by your word. Every step I take will be guided by your word. Every move I make will be directed by your word. I will live my life according to your word. **That will be true as you allow my word to take root in you.** That I will do. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I will not let anything or anyone thwart the growth of your word in me. I will meet daily with you in your word. I will put your word into daily practice. Make my heart to be like rich soil so that your word will cause me to bear much fruit for your kingdom. Amen

The Word Centered Life *The Seed On Good Soil*

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 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.

NIV Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *Seed That Fell On The Good Soil*

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word. The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved. The seeds on the rocky soil represent those who hear the message and receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation. The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

NLT Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Good Soil*

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones on 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. The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones 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. But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

NRSV Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Seed On Good Soil*

Now the meaning of the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God. Those along the traveled road are the people who have heard; then the devil comes and carries away the message out of their hearts, that they may not believe (acknowledge Me as their Savior and devote themselves to Me) and be saved [here and hereafter]. And those upon the rock [are the people] who, when they hear [the Word], receive *and* welcome it with joy; but these have no root. They believe for a while, and in time of trial *and* temptation fall away (withdraw and stand aloof). And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked *and* suffocated with the anxieties *and* cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection). But as for that [seed] in the good soil, these are [the people] who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in a just (noble, virtuous) and worthy heart, and steadily bring forth fruit with patience.

AMP Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Seed In The Good Soil*

"Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. "Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. "Those on the rocky *soil are* those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no *firm* root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. "The *seed* which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to maturity. "But the *seed* in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

NASB Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *That In Good Soil*

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. 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. 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.

ESV Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Ones That Fell On Good Ground*

"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones *that* fell on the good ground *are* those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

NKJV Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Seed In The Good Earth*

"This story is about some of those people. The seed is the Word of God. The seeds on the road are those who hear the Word, but no sooner do they hear it than the Devil snatches it from them so they won't believe and be saved. "The seeds in the gravel are those who hear with enthusiasm, but the enthusiasm doesn't go very deep. It's only another fad, and the moment there's trouble it's gone. "And the seed that fell in the weeds—well, these are the ones who hear, but then the seed is crowded out and nothing comes of it as they go about their lives worrying about tomorrow, making money, and having fun. "But the seed in the good earth—these are the good-hearts who seize the Word and hold on no matter what, sticking with it until there's a harvest

MSG Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Good Soil*

"This is its meaning: The seed is God's message to men. The hard path where some seed fell represents the hard hearts of those who hear the words of God, but then the devil comes and steals the words away and prevents people from believing and being saved. The stony ground represents those who enjoy listening to sermons, but somehow the message never really gets through to them and doesn't take root and grow. They know the message is true, and sort of believe for awhile; but when the hot winds of persecution blow, they lose interest. The seed among the thorns represents those who listen and believe God's words but whose faith afterwards is choked out by worry and riches and the responsibilities and pleasures of life. And so they are never able to help anyone else to believe the Good News. "But the good soil represents honest, good-hearted people. They listen to God's words and cling to them and steadily spread them to others who also soon believe."

TLB Luke 8:11-15

The Word Centered Life *The Seed That Fell On Good Ground*

"This is what the story means: The seed is God's message. The seed that fell beside the road is like the people who hear God's teaching, but the devil comes and takes it away from them so they cannot believe it and be saved. The seed that fell on rock is like those who hear God's teaching and accept it gladly, but they don't allow the teaching to go deep into their lives. They believe for a while, but when trouble comes, they give up. The seed that fell among the thorny weeds is like those who hear God's teaching, but they let the worries, riches, and pleasures of this life keep them from growing and producing good fruit. And the seed that fell on the good ground is like those who hear God's teaching with good, honest hearts and obey it and patiently produce good fruit.

NCV Luke 8:11-15

The Seed In The Good Soil

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The Word Centered Life – Luke 8:11-15

In Context: Read Luke 8

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I will not let anything or anyone thwart the growth of your word in me. I will meet daily with you in your word. I will put your word into daily practice. Make my heart to be like rich soil so that your word will cause me to bear much fruit for your kingdom. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

What is most likely to distract you from taking God's word deep within you?

How are you making sure that nothing thwarts the growth of God's word in you?

Why is it imperative that you set a daily time and place to meet with God in His word?

How has it become your daily practice to meet with God in His word?

How are you preparing the soil of your life so that God's word will dwell richly in you?

How are you putting God's word into practice as you love, follow, and serve Him?

How has the growth of God's word in you made you able to bear fruit for His Kingdom?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Allow God's word to dwell in you richly so that you will be able to bear fruit for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God's word dwelling richly in you will make you able to bear fruit for Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are allowing God's word to dwell richly in you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be receptive to the seed of God's word growing in the good soil of your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will allow the seed of your word to grow in the good soil of my life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will the seed of your word grow in my life today?
