

At Bethany our desire is: to T*each* the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, to preach R*epentance* toward sin, to encourage U*nderstanding* in God's Word, to T*rain* our members how to share their faith, and to lovingly H*elp* our community and beyond to know the T*RUTH* that make's one free. *John 8:32*



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Luke 8:4-15

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Luke 8:4 And when much people were gathered together, and were come to Him out of every city, He spake by a parable:-(*biblical parable, earthly story with Heavenly Truth*)

5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side-(1); and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

6 And some fell upon a rock-(2); and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture.

7 And some fell among thorns-(3); and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it.

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Luke 8:8 And other fell on good ground-(4), and sprang up, and bare fruit an hundredfold. And when He had said these things, He cried, he that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And He said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

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11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God.

12 Those by the way side-(1) are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the Word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock-(2) *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the Word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away-(*remove*)

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Luke 8:14 And that which fell among thorns-(3) are they, which when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground-(4) are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep *it*-(hold down), and bring forth fruit with patience.

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1. Way Side seed, a person not saved.
2. Seed on Rock, a believer who is not a disciple-*(learner)*.
3. Seed among Thorns, a believer who is double minded.
4. Seed on good Ground, a believer rooted and established in the Word of God.

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1. Way Side seed, a person not saved.

2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

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2. Seed on Rock, a believer who is not a disciple-(*learner*).

Luke 14:27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple-(*learner*).

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach-(*make learner*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching-(*instruct*) them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

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3. Seed among Thorns, a believer who is double minded.

James 1:8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

1 Timothy 6:9 But they that will be rich fall-(entrapped) into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred-(strayed) from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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4. Seed on good Ground, a believer rooted and established in the Word of God.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him:

7 Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

1 Corinthians 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread:
24. And when He had given thanks, He brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me.

25. After the same manner also He *took* the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

1 Corinthians 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

1 Corinthians 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

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Application:

Which number are you this morning? 1, 2, 3, 4???