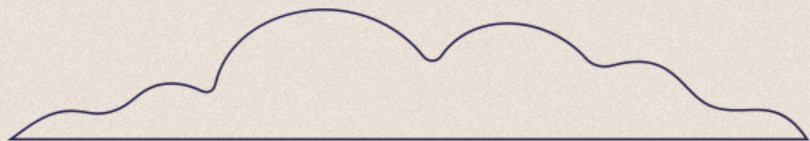
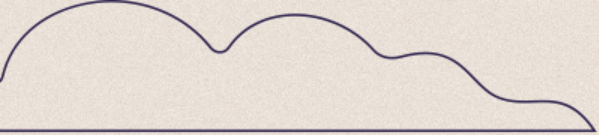




The Word





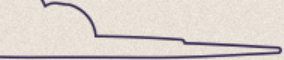
The Bible is
God's word to us.

It was recorded
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It is the supreme
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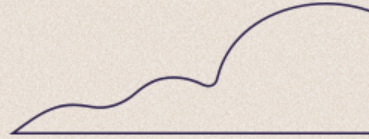

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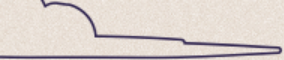




Luke 8:4-9, 11-15 NIV

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants

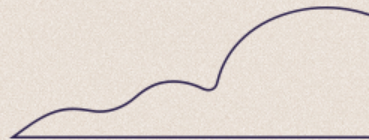





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withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”



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⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

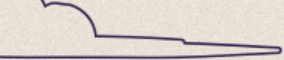
¹¹ “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with

Luke 8:4-9, 11-15 NIV

joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ 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. 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."



God's Word is **perfect**
so you can trust it to
help you **grow**.

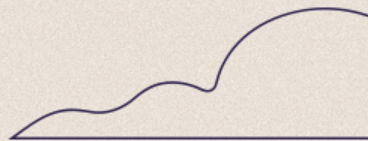



Isaiah 55:10-11 NLT

¹⁰ “The rain and snow come down from the heavens
and stay on the ground to water the earth.

They cause the grain to grow,
producing seed for the farmer
and bread for the hungry.

¹¹ It is the same with my word.
I send it out, and it always produces fruit.
It will accomplish all I want it to,
and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

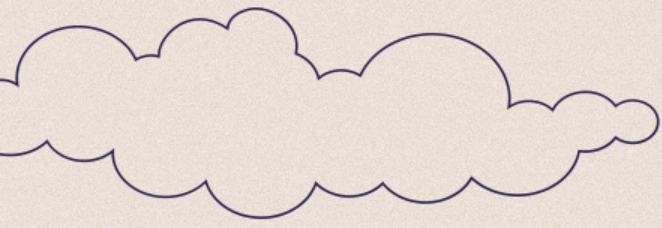




**If there is no growth or
fruit being produced in our
lives, we need to go back
and check the soil.**

The four types of soil that
can be in our heart.





1 The Path



Luke 8:5, 12 NIV

⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up.”

The Path

¹² “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.”



James 4:7 ESV

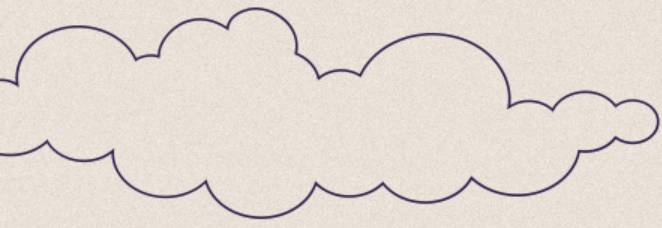
The Path

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.





**The words translated “resist” in
this verse comes from two
Greek words that
mean stand and against.**



2 The Rocky Soil



Luke 8:6, 13 NIV

⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

The Rocky Soil

¹³ Those on the rocky ground 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.



**Where there is no root
there is no fruit.**





3 The Thorny Soil



Luke 8:7, 14 NIV

⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

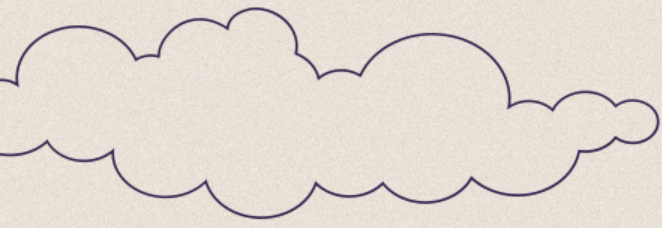
The Thorny Soil

¹⁴ 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.





The lure for more
leaves us immature.



4 The Good Soil



Luke 8:8, 15 NIV

The Good Soil

⁸“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

¹⁵But 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.



How do we cultivate
the soil of our hearts?



How do we cultivate the soil of our hearts?



Hear intently

How do we cultivate the soil of our hearts?



Hear intently



Retain genuinely

How do we cultivate the soil of our hearts?



Hear intently



Retain genuinely



Persevere
unconditionally



How do we cultivate the soil of our hearts?



Hear intently



Retain genuinely



Persevere
unconditionally

Which leads
us to Produce
Exponentially