



Where are you going?

Jesus teaches us that there are **THREE** kinds of roadblocks we face whenever God speaks to us.

Hardness - Shallowness - Distractedness



STREET
CLOSED

DO NOT
ENTER

DETOUR

Mark 4:1-10 & 13-20 (NIV)

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.



Mark 4:1-10 & 13-20 (NIV)

Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."



Mark 4:1-10 & 13-20 (NIV)

Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.

Then Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?"



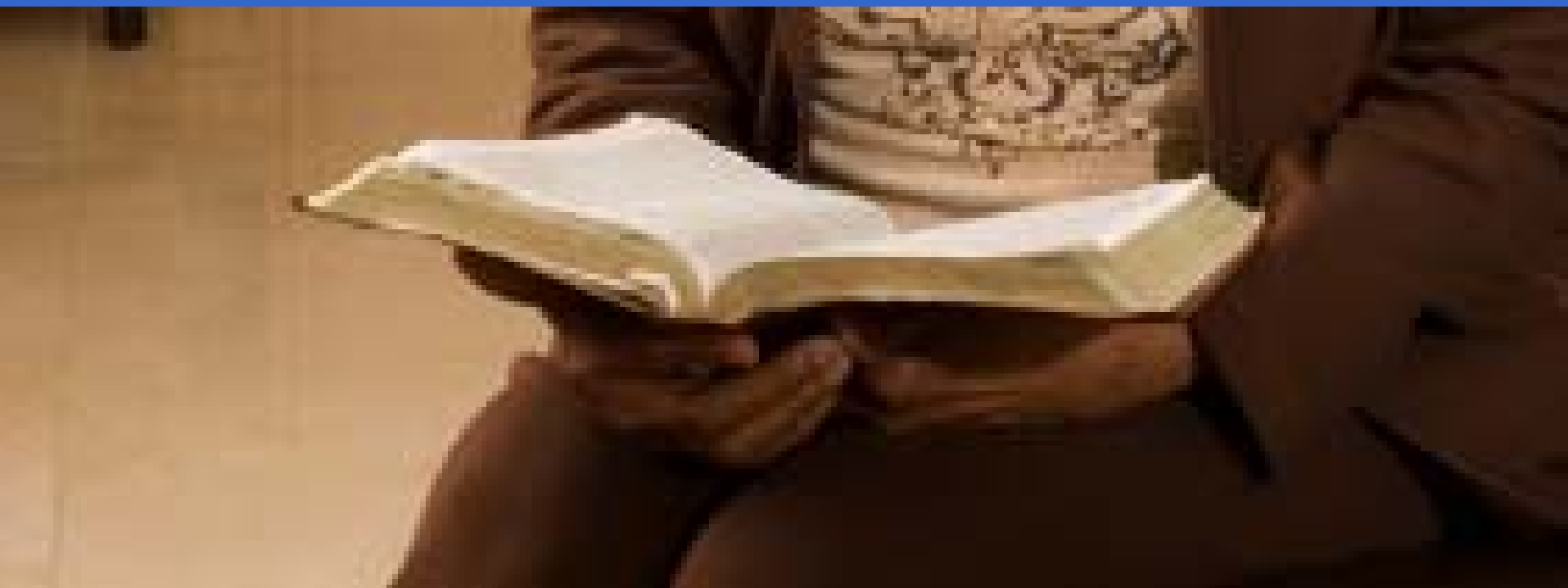
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The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 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.



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Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."



- A. “*At once*” – Impulsive vs. Intentional
- B. “*with joy*” – Emotional vs. Educated
- C. “*no root*” – Popular vs. Practice
- D. “*when*” – Escape vs. Experience



3. Wrestle with what God is saying to ME not my neighbor
2. Consider honestly the COST
1. Build roots by daily choosing the CROSS of Christ

Application



Luke 9:23-24 (NLT)

Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.





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