

# PREPARING THE HEART'S SOIL:

AN INVITATION TO GROW TOGETHER.





**PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE READING:

# MATTHEW 13:1-23





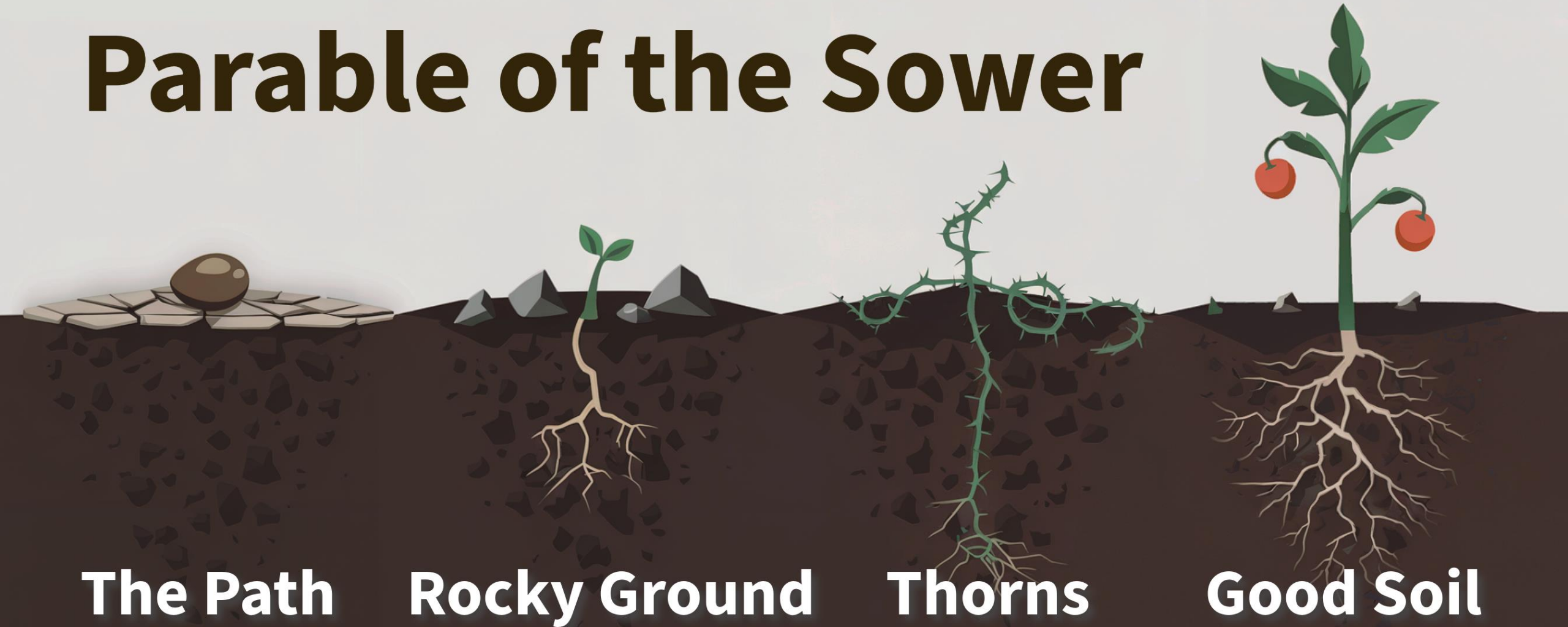
## **Observations from Matthew 13:1-23**

**What is happening in these verses?**

# The Symbolism of the Parable



# The Four Soils from the Parable of the Sower



**The Path**

**Rocky Ground**

**Thorns**

**Good Soil**


A person wearing a blue shirt and dark shorts is digging in a field with a shovel. The background is a dark, overcast sky. The ground is brown and appears to be a field or garden.

# **Lessons from Matthew 13:1-23**

**What can we learn (interpret) from these verses?**

# 1. The Soil and The Seed

The seed (the Word) does not change, but the soil (the heart) does.



*Ref: Isaiah 55:10-11, Hebrews 4:12*



## **2. God Meets People Where They Are:**

**No matter where you are or where you come from, you can be ready to receive the Word.**

*Ref: ☒ Matthew 11:28-30, Psalm 51:10*

A stylized illustration of a tree with a brown trunk and branches, bearing several round, yellow-orange fruits. The leaves are green and detailed. The background is a dark blue sky with some light, wispy clouds. The text is overlaid on this background.

### **3. Grow and Bear Fruit:**

The seed will grow on good soil and bear fruit, showing spiritual growth.

*Ref: Matthew 7:16-20, Galatians 5:22-23, ☒John 15:5*

An illustration showing a pair of hands in blue gardening gloves planting a small green seedling with a white flower into a mound of brown soil. The background features various green plants and a dark green hillside.

## 4. Sow the Word to Others:

As you grow in Christ, you are called to scatter the seed of the Word.

*Ref: Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 5:20, ☒ Psalm 126:6*

# Application from Matthew 13:1-23

How can I apply / live out these verses?





# 1. Reflect on Your Own Heart's Soil

*What kind of soil represents my heart right now?"*

Be encouraged to have a heart open to God, His Word, and receiving salvation.

## **2. Move Your Heart to Good Soil:**

**For the Path:** Be open to God, His Word, and salvation in Christ.

**For Rocky Ground:** Grow deep roots in Christ. Remain in Him in all seasons.

**For Thorns:** In Christ, there is nothing to worry about. Remove distractions.



## **2. Move Your Heart to Good Soil:**

**For Good Soil: Bear fruit and sow the seed for others.**





**PRAYER**



Benediction.