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Matthew  
Chapter Thirteen*

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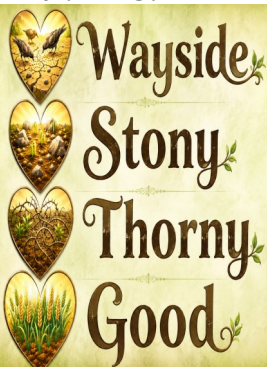
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# The SONSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## The One Sower, Seed and Four Grounds

Ministered by The Sweet Holy Spirit in and Through Pastor JoVah

**Jesus** was encountered by those who had ceremonies of washing their hands. **Jesus** had not instructed His disciples that they had to do this every time to keep themselves clean. They asked Him why He did not go along with *Matthew 15*, the traditions of the elders. **Jesus** had a question for them, He said, why do you, by your traditions, supersede the commandments of **God**? So, I want you to think about this. I am giving you something to think about, because there are a lot of traditions coming up in the field of the world concerning the seed-what the seed is.

**God** tells us in *Luke 8:11*, the seed of **God** is the Word. Now, you might like to hear that the seed is something else, and it even becomes a tradition in the whole land or the whole world and then it supersedes the sayings of the **Lord** and the teachings. The seed here is being taught as the Word of **God**. As we go on in these teachings, we will learn in *Matthew 13:37-38* that the seed is called the Children of the Kingdom. I don't hear the seed being called other things; not being called money, not being called clothes or the seed being termed something else that might take hold, and people begin to go with that until they have forgotten what this seed really is of **God** that He teaches.

When you love **Jesus**-and I believe you love **Jesus**-then you're going to want the teachings of **Jesus**. I know that the **Lord** is still fought in this world, the Spirit of **Christ** and His Holy Word. This is the Bible Way Truth and Life Church, and we are the sons through the Spirit and whosoever is led of the Spirit is a son of **God**. The condition to be a son is not our physical form, or our nationality, or where you were born, or what color of skin you have, or genders, or any such thing. So what is the condition to be a son of **God**? The condition to be a son of **God** is being led by the Spirit. We know that **Jesus Christ** in us is the Spirit of Truth. Therefore, we hold these sayings of the **Lord** as most precious, for they are truth. We must realize that **God's** way is best. Man may establish different ways, and even those who claim to be in **Christ** get angry because we adhere to **Jesus**. But the true Church will be a persecuted church and this is not going to change. The true loyal ones of **Christ** that love His Word and cannot think of any way to gain anything greater than to adhere to His Word-they will stick in there with **Jesus** and they will be the few.

In Matthew chapter 13, it tells us just prior to that that **Jesus** had been talking, informing others (*Matthew 12:50*) who was His mother and who were His brothers and sisters. His flow of teaching was: those that do the will of my Father in heaven, they're my relation. They relate to me, and I relate to them, by being mother, brothers, and sisters. Then it goes right on to say in *Matthew 13:1,2*: *That same day, Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat in it while all the people stood on the shore.*

Now, I want you to see this relationship. When the people were so great in multitude, we understand that He could have been pressed, so He went into a boat to have more room. He went out a little way onto the water and talked to the people. We understand that. But I want you to see what **Jesus** has revealed to us through this—the way He did. Remember, we must look not only at the Truth, for He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." So, let's see His way of teaching and how He taught at this moment. Here He stood in a different place than all the people. They were on land while He was in a boat upon the water, it says that (*all people stood on the shore*).

**Jesus** did not start to teach them about the rivers or waters but He taught about where they stood—the earth and seed. Now, that is something to consider. For **Jesus** is still with us in the Spirit, He is in our soul and surrounds us. He is ascended on high bodily and His body is a little apart from us, like the mantle they found in the tomb, the headpiece that was laid apart from His body. **Jesus** ascended to His Father, and all these scriptures fitly join together to show us that the way He taught that day is still how He is teaching us today. He is a little ways out away from being here physically now, but He still is teaching us where we stand, and we are on this earth.

In *Matthew 13:3* Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed (In KJV it says: Behold, a Sower went forth to sow). *Verse 4*, As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, (In KJV it says wayside) and the birds came and ate it up. The Sower is the same in this parable and the seed is the same. The fowls came and completely devoured the seeds. *Verse 5* Some fell upon stony places. (NIV: *Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow*). Some might say: Why was the seed even there? Well, **God** is just to all, He even the hearts that are hard and calloused which He tells us this later on. But see, they're hard hearts and calloused, and He still has His Word that goes into these areas. But they had not much earth. They didn't have much humanity, much there to them, much. No rootage there in the **Lord**. And forthwith they sprung up because they had no deepness of earth. There was nothing to really grasp, to be rooted and grounded in love. They just received things with joy.

It says in *Verse 6* But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. And in *Verse 7* Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Now look here where this ground is so thorny that the thorns sprung up and choked them—any seed, any Word of **God** that was there. It said the thorns represent the cares and problems and worries of the world. *Verse 8* Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop (KJV and brought forth fruit) — a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Now, you see the good ground and see how this sowing of the seed—the Sower knows he has a crop here coming up so beautiful because it is good ground. I want to impress upon you in the parable: the Sower is the same, and the Seed is only one kind of seed. But you see there is a difference in where it goes. *Verse 9* Who has ears to hear, let him hear. Now, you who are really interested in this and want to learn more about the Sower, Seed, and the Fields, let you hear about this.

In *Verse 10* The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?" *Verse 11* He replied, "*Because the knowledge of the secrets* (KJV mysteries) *of the Kingdom of Heaven has been given to you, but not to them*. Here is where we find out about the mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given. In *Verse 12* *Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance*. What does this seed represent that he is going to have and get more? It represented that this was the Word of **God**. *Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them*. Therefore, **Jesus** said He spoke to them in parables because they, seeing, see not; and hearing, they do not hear.

Matthew 13:13,14 The **Lord** said neither do they understand Him. And then He said, of course, that this was the fulfillment of prophecy of Isaiah, which said this about such people: "*By hearing you shall hear, but you will not understand; and seeing you will see, but you are not going to perceive the depths of it.*" And so, see, that's here where there is no depth.

*Verse 15* tells us that the people's heart is waxed gross, which means calloused, and their eyes (ears) are dull of hearing. That's why if some new philosophy or saying or something new comes up, everyone wants to grab it because they are no longer interested in the **Christ** teaching and they really pounce upon new things, and they have left the Way of the **Lord** and He gives us to know His Way about the Kingdom.

And their eyes they have closed, **Jesus** said, they have purposely close their eyes lest at any time they should see with their eyes. In other words, they do not want to see this. Instead, they see something else more interesting to them. So, they close their eyes to what the seed really is, what its production is and what getting a hundredfold is all about. They hear with their ears yet they do not understand with their heart. Now you can see, why this shows the understanding in the heart. Then they would be converted, and He would heal them. People today do not understand why they are still sick, they say, "We send money, we do this, we do that—why are we still sick? He said, I will heal them *if* they will come and learn of **Me** the truth concerning seeds and being planted in the world and the blessings and how the teaching of the **Christ** will help you.

*Verse 16* Blessed are your eyes, for they see, those who really see this say, "**Lord**, yes, I see what this is." And your ears, for they hear this. You know you're hearing the Word of the **Lord**, and you say, "I like that. My ears like that. My eyes like that. I know this is the **Lord**'s teachings."

*Verse 17* Many prophets desired to see those things that you see and have not seen, and to hear those things which you hear and have not heard.

*Verse 18* He tells what the parable is:

*Verse 19* When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and understands it not-see, so this is the Word about the Kingdom-and He says when they don't understand it, then this represents the wicked one that comes and takes the Word, and it catcheth away that which was sown in the heart. You see what was placed in the heart. So, people say, "If the seed of **God** went into my heart, nothing could take it away." Well, *if* you don't understand it, the scripture said the enemy can come and take it out of your heart, because the Bible says, "that which was sown in his heart." This is he which receives seed by the wayside.

*Verse 20* But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that hears the Word, and oh, he's so happy at first, he praises the **Lord**, shouts, does a dance, and tells everybody that he's saved and all about the **Lord**.

*Verse 21* Yet has he not root in himself-see, there's not much really to that heart-but dureth for a while. For when tribulation and persecution ariseth-why? Because of the Word. See, like even today, some will be angry because the Word is being taught here. And they say, "I don't want to hear it this way. I like to hear it another way." But see, this is the Word. And if we get persecuted because we preach the Word, then we are happy because we have suffered not in vain but for the sake of **Christ**, who suffered for us. By and by, he is offended through the Word.

*Verse 22* He also that receives seed among the thorns-now here's another condition-he is that that heareth the Word, and the care of this world. And here is something else we didn't go into before; we're going now: the deceitfulness of riches. And the **Lord** told me today on this program to tell you that riches have a deceiving power. People think, "If I had money, I would be happy. If I only had money, pay all my bills, do all the things I want to-I'd be happy." You know, they have a program on television that shows all the wealthy people and how they live and all that they can have. And I'm sure many look at all those luxuries and think, "Oh, that would be wonderful to have everything that way." Well, the **Lord** said there is a deceitfulness of riches. And this deceitfulness and the care of this world.



I know it's the Holy Temple, and we should care. But I mean they become so obsessed. They care about their appearance. They care about their body. They care about their health. They have completely left the Word of God and the Ways of the Lord. Remember I said, "The Way of the Lord." And they went the way of the world-in the sauna baths, and in the whirlpools, and doctoring, and hormones, and all types of things. But Jesus said, "If you listen to Me and keep the Word, I am going to heal." And so, we cannot let the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the Word, and that one becomes unfruitful. They cannot bring forth for Christ. They can't see the blessings.

Now listen, children of the Lord and whosoever: I want you to know this fact-that you cannot receive blessings when you are so encumbered with the care of this world. The enemy will always bring a thorn-something you have to have, something you have to do, something that you should have had, something here, something there. He will bring a care that will be so distracting to your mind that you will not even be able to see the blessings of the Lord, of what you have had done for you, and the blessings. And he will choke out the Word.

So today or tonight, wherever you may be watching this program, really relish the teachings of Christ about the Sower and the Seed and these four grounds that really tell the heart conditions and what happened.

And let's quickly go to Matthew 13:23: the one that received seed on the good ground is the one just like you today. *If* you've heard the Word, you understood it, and then you can bear fruit and bring forth for the Lord-some one hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.



## PUZZLE PAGE

### SOWER and the SEED - Word Jumble

Put these words from Matthew 13 back in order.

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F R E M R A

S G I R T N E T A C

Y S D A W I E

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W E R E T I H D

A L L S O W H

N H D D U D E L O F R

### ♥Which Heart Am I?

Write the letter that best matches the condition of the heart being described.

W = Wayside Heart S = Stony Heart T = Thorny Heart G = Good Ground Heart

- \_\_\_ I hear God's Word, but I pay little attention to it.
- \_\_\_ I'm excited about God's Word, but quickly lose interest when life gets hard.
- \_\_\_ I allow worries and everyday cares to crowd out time with God.
- \_\_\_ I enjoy reading and obeying God's Word.
- \_\_\_ I easily become distracted by money, possessions, or worldly success.
- \_\_\_ I hear God's Word but soon forget what I learned.
- \_\_\_ I gladly receive God's Word and continue following Christ during trials.
- \_\_\_ I let entertainment become more important than spiritual growth.
- \_\_\_ I desire for my life to produce spiritual fruit that glorifies God.
- \_\_\_ I often make excuses for not obeying what God's Word teaches.
- \_\_\_ God's Word is taking root and changing my life.
- \_\_\_ I allow bitterness, resentment, or unforgiveness to grow in my heart.
- \_\_\_ When I hear God's Word, I seek to understand what it means.
- \_\_\_ I quit serving God when I am criticized or misunderstood.
- \_\_\_ I keep God's Word in my heart and strive to remain faithful.
- \_\_\_ My priorities often leave little room for God's Word.
- \_\_\_ I enjoy helping others grow in their faith.
- \_\_\_ I sometimes hear God's Word without giving it serious thought.
- \_\_\_ I continue trusting God even when prayers are not immediately answered.
- \_\_\_ I desire to bear fruit "thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."

## The GOOD SOIL Word Search - From Matthew 13:8 and 23

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### Following the Seed Through the Gospels

Using your Bible, compare Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. Fill in the missing Scripture references to complete the Gospel accounts of the Parable of the Sower. As you compare each passage, notice the unique details the Holy Spirit included in each Gospel.

#### MATTHEW 13

#### MARK 4

#### LUKE 8

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## TESTIMONIES

### REFUGEE FAMILY IN THAILAND

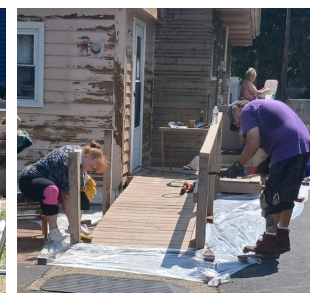
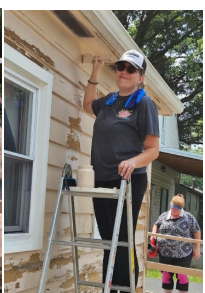
My family testimony: My name is Tariq John. I'm from Pakistan. Me and my family came to Thailand in 2022. I'm born in Christian family in Pakistan. I am persecuted just because of Christianity. We are Asylum seekers in Thailand. I have three children, two daughters and one son. We are the members of Jaisamam Ramkhamhaeng Full Gospel Church. My Elder daughter is 13 years old. Her name is Imsal. Bad spirits works in Imsal, she always angry, she doesn't want to pray. We pray for her. Then 6 of April 2025 Sister Dorrece Little Star Tanawat came to our church and also met our family, when she saw my daughter Imsal, she said I want to pray for your daughter, because I see there is a bad spirit on her. She pray for Imsal. She become better day by day. On next Sunday Sister Dorrece again came in our church, she pray again to my daughter, so all the bad spirit go away, and Imsal become alright, then she prays and read the Bible. And we kept asking Sister Dorrece to pray over the phone for our family, and on 17 May 2026 my daughter Imsal was Baptized and accepted the Lord Jesus as her savior. I'm very grateful to Sister Dorrece whose prayers for us and my daughter Imsal accepted Jesus, and I'm grateful to Full Gospel Sons of God Church who prays for us. May God bless you all.



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We thank the Lord for His Love and His goodness. Jesus looks beyond our faults and sees our need. I know, there doesn't seem to be enough words; great enough to express our gratitude for what Jesus has done! I had been concerned for some time about not being able to do things outside the house that needed done. Because if the things weren't done the house would be deteriorating. But I hadn't voiced it to anyone. I just knew that Litichia couldn't help me with the things she used to do anymore. And I couldn't do any of that, anymore. God brought it forth through the Overseers in a meeting. They were talking about Helping Hands projects. And the Lord gave that we were in need of Helping Hands project. I Thank the Lord. Because He sees our hearts. And He answers even though nothing was said to anyone. But He saw the need. And He had other see the need, through His sweet Holy Spirit. I'm so grateful to God for Everyone coming to help, volunteering and taking time out of their lives. Even when they have been busy with other things. Going beyond what was even asked, We thank God for the Body of Christ. That came together to help us. For everything that has been done. For All the Love and care. It's been such a great blessing! I can never tell All that Jesus blessed with. Just to see what Jesus has accomplished. Dorrece shared what Pastor had said, The success of our Unity would be; All of us pulling together in Christ, would be the success of our Unity in Christ. Jesus has blessed in such a great way... even more than what we ever thought would be done. And has done such a great work. That we don't have to be concerned. We don't have to worry. It has brought such a Peace to our souls. (We have been taken advantage of, at different times, by those in the world). I thank God for His Love. He looked beyond our faults and saw our need. I thank Jesus for all the Prayers, Sandy.



## ENCOURAGEMENTS



### The Prayer Closet

*But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Matthew 6:6 KJV*

#### SEEDS SOWN IN STILLNESS A Good-Ground Heart in Prayer

In the Parable of the Sower, the good ground is not loud, busy, or restless but it is steady, open, and ready to receive. Prayer works the same way. In stillness, the heart becomes soft enough for God to plant what He desires to grow. When we quiet the noise around us, the Word sinks deeper, settling into places hurried moments can't reach.

Some prayers scatter across the surface of life, spoken while we rush from one thing to the next. But in stillness, when we pause, breathe, and turn our attention fully toward God our prayers find good ground. They take root. They begin to transform us.

Stillness is not emptiness; it is invitation. It is the space where God clears away the thorns of worry, breaks up the hard places, and prepares the soil of the heart for His voice. In that quiet place, peace grows. Strength grows. Faith grows.

May every prayer offered in this Prayer Closet be a seed sown in stillness, falling into good ground and bearing the fruit only God can bring forth.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ✂ Pray for the furtherance of the SONship Ministry of Christ that God gave Pastor Jo Vah to carry for His Name sake.
- ✂ Pray for the Journey for Christ Radio Ministry.
- ✂ Pray for lost souls that God bring them to the Light.
- ✂ Pray for those in the Church body who needs a healing touch from God.
- ✂ Pray that God break the power of the enemy against the body of Christ, here and all over the world.
- ✂ Pray for peace of Israel.
- ✂ Pray for God's will to be done in America and it's government.



**Prayer Answered:** I have been praying and desiring to grow in the Lord, and each day He gives me new opportunities to grow and bear fruit for Him. God is teaching me that His love is Power, and when I surrender to that Power, the growth I long for begins to happen. Some days I do miss the opportunity, BUT He knows my heart and forgives my stumbling, AND yet He is still Jehovah Jireh. I thank Him for being my Provider and for giving me the desire of my heart. Ora

### Poetry Corner

THE KING - by the Lord in Pastor Jo Vah



What do you think of a King with a grandeur of a crown  
Golden, Bright and Glistening  
And servants to Him bow.

Commanding, giving orders or your head will surely roll.  
The Kingdom in His power is the Glory of His soul  
The scepter in His hand is the symbol of His rule  
The voice of His command has power and authority as His tool.

Yet I'm here to say to you  
I know a King and know Him well  
And His robes are regal surely and His life a message to tell

His crown was one of thorns. His hands were truly with pain  
Because of the nails in His palms  
Jesus is His Name

And His joy in having a Kingdom is not for personal fame  
But to have, create and sanctify, to turn it over  
Into the hands of His Father again.

The King in His Kingdom, so wise and so true, is the same  
Serving Messiah that died for me and you!

So Hail to the King of Glory  
Forever let us sing to The One who  
Brought us truly the message of  
The KING.

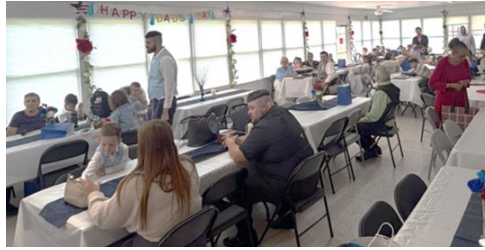


# ACTIVITY GALLERY



Happy Father's Day Jesus

Do not call anyone on earth 'father... Matt. 23: 9



Congratulations Mr & Mrs Rene & Rebecca Naranjo



Baby Wren Elise Vingle  
Dedicated to Jesus 5/10



Fishing at Fairfield County Fish & Game



Thank The Lord & Overseers Leroy & Isays for a Blessed  
4th of July Celebration with food, fishing & fire works.



## FOUNDER'S DAY - CELEBRATING JESUS AND HIS LOVE



We remember before our GOD and FATHER your work produced by Faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our LORD JESUS CHRIST. 1 Thessalonians 1:3



Church Family Activity - Baseball Game at Foundation Park



# SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT - THE SOWER'S TABLE

These wholesome foods remind us that growth begins with what we receive. As we nourish the body, may we also tend the **GOOD GROUND** within, where God's Word can grow.

## THE FOUR SOILS "HEART" CUPS

*This recipe visually recreates the path, the rocky ground, the thorns, and the good soil in individual layers.*

### Ingredients

- 1 package (3.9 oz) instant chocolate pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 sleeve (about 10) chocolate sandwich cookies (Oreos), crushed into fine soil
- 4 hard candy pebbles or chocolate rocks
- 4 pretzel sticks (broken into jagged "thorns")
- 4 fresh mint leaves or green gummy worms



### Instructions

- Make the pudding: Whisk the chocolate pudding mix and cold milk together in a bowl for 2 minutes. Let it sit for 5 minutes to thicken.
- Layer 1 (The Path): Spoon 2 tablespoons of pudding into the bottom of 4 clear cups. Press down firmly to represent the hard ground where the birds ate the seed.
- Layer 2 (The Rocky Ground): Divide the candy pebbles evenly among the cups, dropping them right onto the first layer of pudding.
- Layer 3 (The Thorns): Add another layer of pudding, then push the broken pretzel sticks into the pudding so they stick up like choking weeds.
- Layer 4 (The Good Soil): Top each cup generously with the crushed chocolate cookie crumbs until the lower layers are completely covered.
- The Harvest: Plant a fresh mint leaf or a green gummy worm into the top cookie crumbs to represent the fruit that grows a hundredfold.

## MULTI-SEED SOWER'S FLATBREAD

*his rustic bread uses the act of scattering various seeds across a blank canvas of dough to mirror the Sower throwing seed across the field.*

Prep time: 20 minutes Bake time: 15 minutes | Servings: 4-6

### Ingredients

- 1 store-bought or homemade pizza dough rectangle
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon coarse sea salt
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds (white or black)
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1 tablespoon raw sunflower seeds
- 1 tablespoon raw pumpkin seeds (pepitas)
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary



### Instructions

- Set your oven to 425°F (218°C) and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Roll or stretch your dough onto the baking sheet until it is about 1/2-inch thick.
- Brush the entire surface of the dough generously with the olive oil. With your fingers press little dimples into the dough.
- Mimic the Sower by taking handfuls of the sesame, poppy, sunflower, and pumpkin seeds and scattering them evenly across the oiled dough.
- Sprinkle the coarse sea salt and dried rosemary over the top of the seeds. Gently press down on the seeds with your palms so they stick to the dough.
- Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until the crust is deeply golden brown and the larger seeds are lightly toasted. Cut into strips



## HUNDREDFOLD GRAIN & HARVEST SALAD

*This savory dish focuses on the ultimate goal of the parable: the wheat grain that fell on good soil and produced a massive, healthy harvest.*

Prep time: 15 minutes | Cook time: 25 minutes | Servings: 4

### Ingredients

- 1 cup uncooked farro, wheat berries, or quinoa (representing the grain harvest)
- 2 cups vegetable broth (for cooking the grain)
- 1 cup roasted chickpeas (representing seeds that took deep root)
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds (representing an abundant, fruitful yield)
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 cups fresh baby arugula or spinach
- Dressing: 3 tablespoons olive oil, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, salt, and pepper to taste.

### Instructions

- Combine the farro (or wheat berries) and vegetable broth in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer for 25 minutes until tender. Drain any excess liquid and let cool.
- In a large mixing bowl, toss the cooled grain with the fresh arugula or spinach.
- Stir in the roasted chickpeas.
- Top the salad by scattering the vibrant red pomegranate seeds and crumbled feta cheese over the top.
- Whisk the olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper together. Drizzle over the salad just before serving, and toss everything together.



*"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst": John 6:35*

# THURSDAY NIGHT - BIBLE STUDY RECAP

## The One Sower, Seed and Four Grounds

Learning from The Lord in Pastor Jo Vah's powerful teaching on The Sower, Seed and Soil.

We learned that the Parable of the Sower is not just a story - it is a spiritual mirror showing the condition of our hearts. Pastor Jo Vah taught that the Sower is the same and the Seed is the same, but the difference is always found in the ground, which represents us. This parable reveals how the Word works inside the Body of Christ and how the heart determines the harvest.

One of the strongest truths she taught is that the seed is the Word of God - nothing else. Jesus defined it plainly, and she reminded us that traditions and modern teachings often try to redefine the seed as money, possessions, or other ideas. But when we drift from what Jesus said, we lose the power of the parable. As the Body of Christ, we must protect the meaning of the seed so we can protect the meaning of the Kingdom.

Jesus teaches us *where we stand*. Just as He stood in the boat while the people stood on land, He still speaks to us in the exact condition we're in. He teaches us about the soil of our hearts, showing us what is happening inside us spiritually.

### The Four Grounds:

These four grounds taught us how the Word can be lost, shallow, choked, or fruitful depending on how we receive it, showing us that every heart responds differently to the truth and that our spiritual condition determines whether the Word is hindered or allowed to grow.

♥ Wayside Ground - Without understanding of the Word, the enemy can steal the Word from our hearts.

♥ Stony Ground - Joy without depth cannot survive trouble; excitement is not the same as being rooted.

♥ Thorny Ground - Cares, worries, and the deceitfulness of riches can suffocate spiritual growth.

♥ Good Ground - When our hearts are open, humble, and willing to understand, the Word multiplies-30|60|100

We learned that being sons of God is not about outward identity but about being led by the Spirit. The true Church will always cling to Christ's teachings even when others prefer new philosophies or traditions. Loyalty to Jesus' Word will always be tested, but it is also what produces fruit in us.

Most importantly, we learned that this parable is the foundation for understanding every other parable. If we do not understand how the Word works in the heart, we cannot understand how the Kingdom works at all. The condition of the soil determines the harvest.

### Final Recap

And in that good ground, the Lord will bring forth the increase, for fruitfulness is the work of His Spirit in us and when our hearts stay clear, humble, and receptive, the Word will not only take root, but multiply by His power. In this place of spiritual readiness, God shapes our character, strengthens our faith, and causes His life to flourish within us. As we continue to honor His teachings and remain grounded in truth, the Body of Christ becomes a living testimony of His growth, His grace, and His glory.



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August 22nd

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Pick Your Own!

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### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Every Tuesday 1:00 P.M. - Prayer Band

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Fasting and Prayer Hour 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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Ongoing - Food Pantry and Blessing Box Donations

## Jubilee

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

|                      |                                        |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Aug 13 <sup>th</sup> | What is Jubilee?                       |
| Aug 20 <sup>th</sup> | God's Rhythm of Rest                   |
| Aug 27 <sup>th</sup> | Dependence on God's Provision          |
| Sep 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | The Great Debt Cancellation            |
| Sep 10 <sup>th</sup> | Freedom for the Captives               |
| Sep 17 <sup>th</sup> | Sound the Trumpet...The Joy of Jubilee |
| Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> | Restored Inheritance                   |
| Oct 1 <sup>st</sup>  | The Great Reset                        |
| Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Jesus: Our Eternal Jubilee             |

## A SPECIAL Jubilee SERVICE

SONday, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

11:00AM SERVICE

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

REJOICE BEFORE THE LORD!  
PSALM 100:2

## ABOUT US

### FGSCOG MISSION STATEMENT

The Full Gospel Sons Church of God is located in the heart of Ohio, in Etna. We believe in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and that He will return one day to catch away the church. Jesus is the promised Savior sent as the supreme sacrifice; to forgive and redeem us from all our sin. We have been commissioned to further the Sonship Ministry of Christ (Romans 8:14) spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. We invite you to share the warmth and love of Jesus as we worship the One True God. Come and take a journey for Christ with us as we grow in our community and as the body of Christ.

### LISTEN or WATCH ANYTIME

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### JOIN US IN WORSHIP

As we honor our Redeemer Jesus Christ.  
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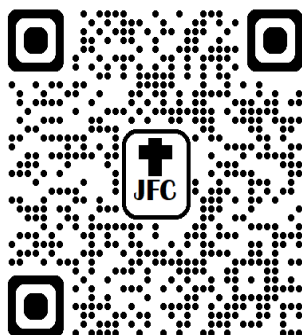


**FOOT WASHING AND COMMUNION SERVICES**  
First SONday of the Month,

The Word of The Lord to Pastor JoVah,  
that His healing would be more prevalent at this time.

### VISIT AND SHARE

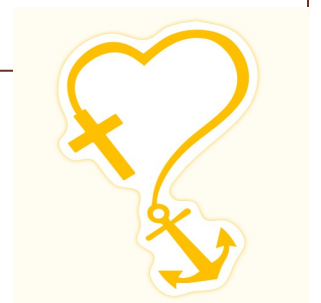
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## THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER: A Message for Today's Modern World

*From an internet search*

In Matthew 13, Jesus shares a TIMELESS teaching known as the PARABLE OF THE SOWER, a story that uses farming imagery to reveal how people respond to the Word of God. Although spoken over two thousand years ago, its message fits perfectly into the fast-moving, digital, distraction-filled world we live in today. Each type of soil represents a different kind of heart - and each one can be seen clearly in this any day modern life.

### WAYSIDE GROUND - THE DISTRACTED HEART



Wayside Ground - Distracted Heart

Jesus describes seed falling on the wayside, where the ground is hard and the birds quickly snatch the seed away. This represents the person who hears the Word but never truly receives it. In today's world, this looks like the person whose life is filled with constant noise. Their phone buzzes every few minutes. Social media scrolls never end. Notifications, trends, and entertainment compete for their attention. They hear a sermon or Scripture, but before it can settle in their heart, it's drowned out by digital noise. The enemy doesn't need to attack them directly - he simply keeps them busy.

### STONY GROUND - THE SHALLOW HEART



Stony Ground - Shallow Heart

The stony ground represents those who receive the Word with excitement but have no depth. Their faith is emotional but not rooted. This is the person who attends church, feels inspired, and posts "God is good" online - but never builds a prayer life, never studies the Word, and never grows spiritually. When life becomes difficult - a job loss, a breakup, a family conflict - their faith collapses because it was never grounded. Their joy was real, but their foundation was weak.

### THORNY GROUND - THE CROWDED HEART



Thorny Ground - Crowded Heart

Seed that falls among thorns grows, but eventually gets choked by competing plants. Jesus explains that this represents people who hear the Word but allow the cares of life, worries, and the pursuit of wealth to suffocate their spiritual growth. In this century, this is one of the most common conditions of the heart. People love God, but life is overwhelming. Work schedules, bills, side hustles, children's activities, social media pressure, and the constant push to "keep up" leave little room for spiritual focus. Their heart is not rebellious - it's simply overloaded. The Word is present, but not prioritized.

### GOOD GROUND - THE PREPARED HEART



Good Ground - Prepared Heart

Finally, Jesus describes the good ground, the heart that receives the Word with understanding, protects it, and allows it to grow. This person produces fruit: character, consistency, obedience, and spiritual maturity. In modern life, this looks like the believer who intentionally makes room for God. They set aside time for prayer, study Scripture with purpose, guard their heart from distractions, and apply the Word to their daily decisions. Their faith grows even in difficult seasons, and their life becomes a testimony that blesses others. This is the heart that produces thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.

### A MESSAGE FOR OUR CENTURY

The Parable of the Sower reminds us that the issue is not the seed, the Word of God is powerful and life-changing. The issue is the condition of the heart. In a world filled with noise, speed, and distraction, preparing our hearts is more important than ever.

It is my prayer that as you read this issue, you will examine the condition of your heart. May God's Word and His LOVE find good ground within us, bearing fruit in our lives and recognizing His fruit in one another. May we continue to produce fruit that glorifies our Lord.

