Heart-to-Heart
The Parable of the Seeds and the Word of God

Week 3 | January 15, 2018

Question: On a scale of 1-10 (you know how I love scales 😊) - share what kind of gardener you are. One being either you’ve never planted anything or you have a black thumb and sadly, kill most plants and ten being you’re a Master Gardener and love nothing more than to have your hands in some dirt.

Luke 8:4-15

• The seed that fell along the path ________________________________
• The seed that fell on the rocky ground ________________________________
• The seed that fell among thorns ________________________________
• The seed that fell on good soil ________________________________

The seed represents: _________________________________________________________
The soil represents: the condition of our ________________ when we hear God’s words

“The challenge with our faith is not our inability to hear God’s voice. The challenge with our faith is our willingness to hear other voices.” – Bill Johnson

Proverbs 3:1-8

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.
1. God’s words that fall along path are heard but then the enemy comes and lies and takes those words and the hearer begins to ___________________________ His truth.

2. God’s words that fall on rocky ground are received with joy but don’t take root so in hard times the hearer questions ___________________________ and falls away.

3. God’s words that fall among thorns are heard but get choked out before they can mature because they are not a priority in comparison to the worries, riches or pleasures of life so the hearer doesn’t ___________________________.

4. God’s words that fall on good soil ___________________________.

Luke 8:15 “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.”

- Keep a good and noble heart:
  “those who cling to the word with an honest and blameless heart”

- Let your heart hear and retain: 
  listen and intentionally remember and apply His Words

- Persevere: 
  steadfast endurance

  NetBible notes: “Given the pressures noted in the previous soils, bearing fruit takes time and steadfast endurance, just as it does for the farmer.”
**Further Study:**


2. Check the description below that best describes you? Thank Him if none apply to you and determine to keep His words your priority and the soil of your heart soft.

   - I hear the words of God and then the enemy lies to me and takes them from my heart and I don’t seem to be able to believe what I’ve heard.

   - I hear and receive God’s words with joy but it seems that I only believe for a little while because when life gets hard, I fall away from His truth, and at times, even from Him.

   - I hear God’s words but as I go through the day those words seem to get drowned out and forgotten because of the other voices and circumstances that cause me to worry. The pressures or temptations surrounding my finances or other pleasures I seek become more important than what I heard and I don’t move forward and don’t really grow in knowing God.

3. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what it would take for you to cooperate with Him to change the condition of your heart so that you can hear and apply His words and persevere in knowing and trusting Him. When you do that, His words will bear fruit in you, and around you.

4. Read Chapter 48 from Barry Adam’s book, “Little Children Can Eat All the Bread They Want”.

5. Ask the Father in heaven to give you what you need right now. Declare that He is the bread of life” (Matthew 4:4 and 6:11, John 6:48), He is what we need whether it’s healing, as the chapter is about, or help in our marriage or wisdom in parenting or at our job and SO much more! The point is to be a child and boldly as your Abba (Hebrew word for “Daddy”) for what you need. YOU can ask, you don’t need a friend, a pastor, a counselor or anybody else to ask for you, although it’s okay to do that, but you can ask because you are a child and God is your Father. You have permission to boldly ask (Hebrews 4:16).