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TIMES OF REFRESHING

current sermon series



"REFRESHED BY GROWING"

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The Story of the Ground: Luke 8: 4-15

Farmer = God
Seed = God's Word
Soil = My Life

1. I MUST **WANT** TO GROW.

"A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it." Luke 8:5 (NLT)

"The hard path where some seed fell represents the hard hearts of those who hear the words of God, but then the devil comes and steals the words away and prevents people from believing and being saved." Luke 8:12 (LB)

The Ground That is Compacted Represents A Closed Mind That Says....

- I'm **AFRAID** of God
- I'm **MAD** at God
- I don't **NEED** God

"Don't be proud but accept God's teaching that is planted in your heart. This teaching can save your souls." James 1:21 (ICB)

2. I MUST **DECIDE** TO GROW.

"Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow, but soon withered and died for lack of moisture." Luke 8:6 (LB)

"Some people are like the seeds on rocky soil. They welcome the word with joy whenever they hear it, but they don't develop any roots. They believe for a while, but when their faith is tested, they abandon it." Luke 8:13 (GWT)

The Ground That is Shallow Represents A Casual Commitment....

"Don't only hear the message, but put it into practice, otherwise you are merely deluding yourselves." James 1:22 (PH)

"Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." 1 Timothy 4:7 (PH)

Commitments for Spiritual Growth

- Develop Spiritual Habits
- Connect With Other Believers
- Use My Abilities
- Share God's Love

3. I MUST MAKE GROWTH MY **PRIORITY**.

"Some seed fell among thorny weeds, but the weeds grew up with it and choked the good plants." Luke 8:7 (NCV)

"The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity." Luke 8:14 (NLT)

The Ground That Has Weeds Represents A Busy Life....

•CARES

•MONEY

•PLEASURE

"And the seed that fell on the good ground is like those who hear God's teaching with good, honest hearts and obey it and patiently produce good fruit." Luke 8:15 (NLT)