



**FORGE AHEAD – GROWTH**

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**Luke 8:4-15**

**THE REASON WHY GROWTH IS STAGNANT**

<sup>4</sup> And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable: <sup>5</sup> “A Sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it **lacked moisture**. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. <sup>8</sup> But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

<sup>9</sup> Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” <sup>10</sup> And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *it is given* in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’

<sup>11</sup> “Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. <sup>14</sup> Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. <sup>15</sup> But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.

**A BREAKDOWN OF THE SCRIPTURE**

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**IN CLOSING**

**Matthew 22:29**

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE POWER OF GOD?**

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God."

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**Psalms 22:3**

**HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THE PRESENCE OF GOD?**

<sup>3</sup> But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

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**1 Corinthians 1:26-27**

**THE SEED IS WISDOM & STRENGTH IS PLANTED IN YOU**

<sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

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**Luke 13:8-9**

**ALLOW YOUR HISTORY TO ELEVATE YOUR DESTINY**

"'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

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**Isaiah 55:11**

**HAS GODS WORD PENETRATED YOUR HEART?**

<sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

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**John 4:13-14**

**IS THE SEED GETTING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF MOISTURE?**

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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**Ezekiel 36:26**

**DO YOU NEED A NEW HEART FOR THE SEED TO PENETRATE?**

<sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

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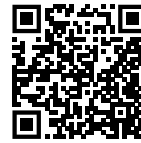
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**INSPIRED YOUTHS Bible Study** Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> & July 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the North Minneapolis Campus

**RELATIONSHIP & MARRIAGE BUILDERS** Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

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