



The Seed on the Path

Matthew 13:3-4, 18-19

A. The Contextual Characters

1. The Sower/Farmer is Jesus Christ and His laborers.
2. The seed is God’s Word.
3. The ground is our heart.

B. Condition #1: The Superficial Soil

Superficial: existing or occurring at or on the surface or appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely.

1. The superficial soil is trampled.
“As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.” Matthew 13:4 (NIV)

2. The superficial heart is hardened because:
“When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches it away that was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.” Matthew 13:18-19 (NIV)

- a. It plays the blame game.
“A person’s own folly leads to their ruin, yet their heart rages against the LORD.” Proverbs 19:3 (NIV)
- b. It is unalert in priorities.
“The Lord said to Gideon, ‘With the three hundred men that I have chosen I will save you and give the Midianites into your hands. Let all the others go home.’” Judges 7:7 (NIV)

c. It has an “additive gospel” mentality.
“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)

d. It has an unteachable spirit.
“Do you see a man [who is unteachable and] wise in his own eyes and full of self-conceit? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 26:12 (AMP)

e. It has an immoral character.
“No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him.” 1 John 3:6 (NIV)

d. It is deceived by the deceiver.

John 8:33-47 (NIV)

C. Avoiding the Superficial Soil

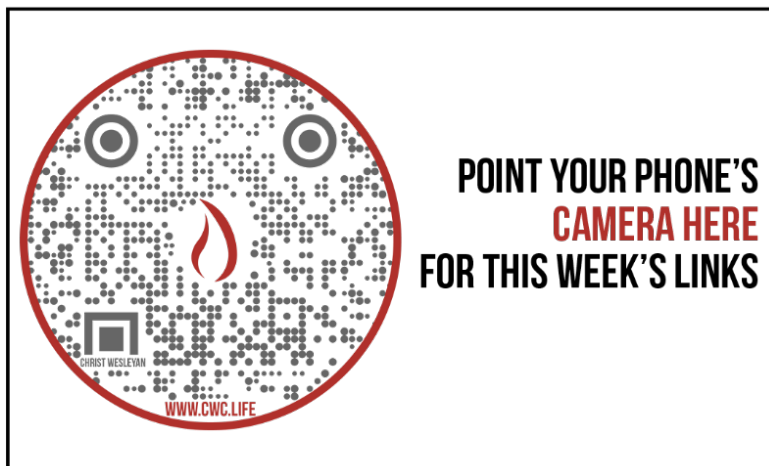
1. Read God’s Word
2. Push past feelings.
3. Get some rest.
4. Do not over-personalize failure and success.
5. Decide to trust—again.
6. Fight isolation.

Bottom Line:
The Word of God cannot transform what it cannot infiltrate.

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Next Sunday:
Milton Campus: Pastor Mike Sweigard
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Week 2: The Seed on the Rocky Places
The Soil Matters: God is sowing. Are you growing?
A deep dive look at The Parable of the Sower.



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 82.8% of goal

Giving year to date: 82.9% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 2,151

Salvations to date: 98 | Baptisms to date: 111

Upcoming Happenings:

March 31 – Easter Sunday!

April 7 – Baptism Sunday!

April 7 – Membership Class 12:30p

Notetakers are History Makers