

(S)oil Change

Quest Book:
Chapter 32

Matthew 13:3-23

A. The Seed: The Incorruptible Word of the Lord

1. The problem is not the “sowing”.

“Then He told them many things in parables, saying, ‘A farmer went out to sow his seed.’ As he was scattering the seed...” Matthew 13:3-4a (NIV)

2. The problem lies with the “soil”.

“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom...”
Matthew 13:18-19a (NIV)

B. The Soil: The Four Chairs of the Human Heart

1. Chair #4: The Hardened Heart
(The Unbeliever)

“...some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.” Matthew 13:4b(NIV)

“...and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches it away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.” Matthew 13:19b-c (NIV)

2. Chair #3: The Rocky Heart (The Hypocrite)

“Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.” Matthew 13:5-6 (NIV)

“The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.” Matthew 13:20-21(NIV)

3. Chair #2: The Thorny Heart (The Worldly)

“Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.” Matthew 13:7 (NIV)

“The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.” Matthew 13:22 (NIV)

4. Chair #1: The Good Heart (The Disciple)

“Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”
Matthew 13:8 (NIV)

“But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” Matthew 13:23 (NIV)

C. The Harvest: The Call to Chair #1

1. Chair #4: Plow your hardened heart.

“Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns.” Jeremiah 4:3b (NIV)

“Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.” John 6:29 (NIV)

2. Chair #3: Deepen your shallow roots.

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Whoever wants to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.’” Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

3. Chair #2: Uproot the choking hazards.

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.”
1 John 2:15-17 (NIV)

4. Chair #1: Keep abiding in the Vine.

“Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.”
John 15:4-5 (NIV)

Bottom Line:

The condition of your heart determines the production of your faith.

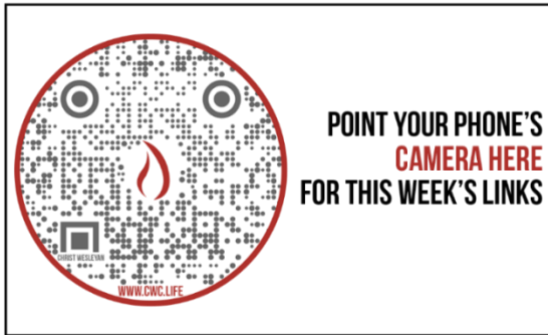
To begin a relationship with Jesus...

Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Jesus' Way
Following the Route of Radical Transformation

Week 7: Road Rage
Quest Book: Chapter 33

Milton Campus: Pastor Kyle Roberts
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 77.9%

Giving year to date: 87.6% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,953

Salvations to date: 85 | Baptisms to date: 54

“**Reach** the One” Campaign Update

160 – Pledges with 421 Total Participants

\$2,175,879.66 - Donations Anticipated by Nov. 2027

\$1,367,327.90 - Received Donations – 34.2% of \$4M Goal

Want to pledge, donate, or learn more?

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Upcoming Happenings:

December 7th – Classics Holiday Dinner! 12:30p @ Silver Moon Banquet Hall.

December 12th and 13th- Christmas Encounter! 6:30p.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Milton Campus: 3:00p, 4:30p, and 6:00p
Sunbury Campus: 3:00p and 6:00p

Notetakers are History Makers

Looking for your next step at CWC?

Welcome Party – 1st Sunday of Every Month

- If you are new or if you've been around a bit and are looking to build friendships with others, our Welcome Party is for you! **Get to know others** who are newer at CWC as well as our welcome team and our pastors in a relational environment. There will be light refreshments and the opportunity to hear about our small groups, baptism, and your next step of Growth Track. If you're asking the question, “*How can I make friends here,*” then this is for you! No registration is required, you can just show up. Look for the signs on the first Sunday of the month.

Growth Track – 3-week class on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday Nights

- Growth Track exists to help you learn about the vision of CWC, the gifts God has given you, and how you can use them in specific opportunities to serve at CWC. You'll learn amongst others of how to become a vital part of the ministries of the church so that we can share the light of Christ with our communities. If you miss a class, don't worry! Growth Track runs every other month and we even have an online option you can participate in (though we recommend in-person if you can). You can see what classes are available by going to **bit.ly/cwcgrowthtrack**.

Membership Class – Once a quarter on Sundays after 2nd service

- Membership class is the last step of fully assimilating at CWC. Learn about our denomination, The Wesleyan Church and the bigger movement we are a part of across the world. This 3-hour class with the lead pastor provides you a place to **ask important questions about our beliefs as a church** and allows you to become eligible for our local board of administration. You also become eligible for denominational events like our district and general conferences. To sign up for our next class, let us know at the Hub or email: **loretta.paulhamus@cwc.life**