

**Series:** **Stories Jesus Told: A Study of the Parables of Jesus**  
**Title:** **A story about your heart and hearing from God**  
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As a large crowd was gathering, and people were coming to Jesus from every town, he said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock; when it grew up, it withered away, since it lacked moisture. Other seed fell among thorns; the thorns grew up with it and choked it. Still other seed fell on good ground; when it grew up, it produced fruit: a hundred times what was sown." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

Then his disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?" So he said, "The secrets of the kingdom of God have been given for you to know, but to the rest it is in parables, so that

Looking they may not see,  
and hearing they may not understand.

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. The seed along the path are those who have heard and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the seed on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. Having no root, these believe for a while and fall away in a time of testing. As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who, when they have heard, go on their way and are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of life, and produce no mature fruit. But the seed in the good ground—these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, produce fruit. (Luke 8:4-15)

..."If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples." (John 8:31)

My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples. (John 15:8)

**Holding to His Word shows you are hearing His Word.**

"...pay attention to how you hear." (Luke 8:18 NLT)

Reflection Question:

How does this parable challenge you? What does it mean to have "ears to hear" God's Word?

Scripture is the NLT unless noted.