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- God is in your place
- God will touch you in any place
- Your place cannot hide you from God
- > You have been created for a place
- God is active in your place
- The enemy will ruin your place
- Every step is a new place



### Why do you gather with the church?

#### Because:

- •we can
- •we draw near to God
- •we learn of /reminded of God's promises
- •we spur one another on
- •we are a team
- •we give each other courage

## #1 Truth sets free

John 8:32
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

### #2

### Truth aligns with God

John 17:17
Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

### #3

### Truth brings life direction

Psalm 119:130

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

### Where is the truth landing?

### Your Truth Place

### Mark 4 Vs 1

Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around Him was so large that He got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge.

### Vs 2-3

He taught them many things by parables, and in His teaching said: "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.

#### $V_S 4$

As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

### Vs 5-6

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.

### $\overline{\mathrm{Vs}}$ 7

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.

### $\overline{Vs}$ 8

Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times."

### Vs 9-10

Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." When He was alone, the Twelve and the others around Him asked Him about the parables.

### Vs 14 The farmer sows the word.

### Vs 15

Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.

# The truth is sitting on the back of your hand

#### Vs 16-17

Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive 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.

# We hear a truth and the thoughts enters us

>I want that

> I need that

### Rocks:

>old ways of life

>active sin

>embraced sin

# When the truth is causing a change that requires sacrifice we set down the truth

### The truth is in your hand

### Vs 18-19

Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

Thorns are the worries of this world

- Thorns are the flawed promises of money
- Thorns are our misguided desires

# The truth is in your pocket with everything else

### Vs 20

Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop-- thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown."

# The truth is in your readied heart

### Only from your readied heart can

- •Truth set you free
- •Truth align you with God
- Truth bring you life direction

- •Can my hardness become pliable?
- •Can the rocks be removed?
- •Can the thorns be dealt with?
- •Can my truth place be good soil?

### Psalm 95:6-8a

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care. Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...

### S.O.I.L.

•Surrender

•Openly confess

•Invest time in the Word

•Live it as you learn it