

**INTENTIONAL**  
Be In the Word Regularly

**We are called to be in the word regularly because it informs our living.**

- Hebrews 4:12
- 2 Timothy 3:16
- John 20:30-31

**Jesus uses the parable of the sower to illustrate what can stand in the way of God's Word taking root in our lives.** (Matthew 13)

**Questions for reflection:**

- What do you find is your biggest obstacle to being in the Word on a regular basis?
- What is one step you can take this week to be more intentional about being in the Word regularly?

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# GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

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Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.<sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.<sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,<sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.<sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.<sup>9</sup> He who has ears, let him hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."