

Laying The Groundwork | Hearing God, Pt. 1

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Jesus: **"My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me."** [John 10:27 \(NLT\)](#)

One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: **"A farmer went out to plant his seed.** As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a **footpath**, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among **rocks**. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among **thorns** that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on **fertile soil**. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!" When he had said this, he called out, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

[Luke 8:4-8 \(NLT\)](#)

If I want to hear God speak more often

1. Have .

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, **some fell along the path; it was trampled on** and the birds of the air ate it up. [Luke 8:5 \(NIV\)](#)

2. Make .

Other seed fell on **shallow soil with underlying rock**. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture. [Luke 8:6 \(NLT\)](#)

The rocky soil represents those who **hear the message and receive it with joy**. But like young plants in such soil, **their roots don't grow very deep**. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.

[Luke 8:13 \(NLT\)](#)

3. Pause .

Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it. [Luke 8:7 \(MSG\)](#)

The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly **the message is crowded out** by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life. And so they never grow into maturity.

[Luke 8:14 \(NLT\)](#)

4. Do .

Still other seed fell on **good soil**. It came up and yielded a crop a hundred more times more than what was sown. [Luke 8:8 \(NLT\)](#)

The seeds that fell on the good soil represent **honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.** [Luke 8:15 \(MSG\)](#)

Talk It Over

1. When you think about God "speaking" to you, what comes to mind? Does it sound weird, normal, exciting, or confusing? Why?

2. What's one area in your life where you wish God would speak to you right now?

For your own notes:

Daily Bible Readings

Monday—Ephesians 5//**Tuesday**—Ephesians 6

Wednesday—Philippians 1//**Thursday**—Philippians 2

Friday—Philippians 3//**Saturday**—Philippians 4

Sunday—Colossians 1

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HEARING GOD, Part 2

Service Times:

Saturday @ **6:15pm**

Sunday @ **10:00am + 11:45am + 1:30pm**