

The Soil *of the* Heart

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The Holy Land in Jesus' time

SYRIA

Region of Galilee

Caesarea Philippi

Mount of Beatitudes

Capernaum

Bethsaida

Cana

Magdala

Tiberias

Sea of Galilee

Nazareth

Region of Samaria

Samaria

Ephraim

Region of Judaea

Jericho

Bethabara

Jerusalem

Mount Olivet

Bethany

Bethlehem

Hebron

Judean Wilderness

The Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River

The Dead Sea



10 Miles

EGYPT



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Why Parables?

Luke 8:9 *His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant.*

Luke 8:10 *And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.*

Matt. 13:13 *Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.*

Matt. 13:14 *In their case, the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE;*

Matt. 13:15 *FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.'*

Decoding



Sower: Gospel Proclaimers



Sowing: Proclaiming the Word



Seed: The Word of God



Birds: Satan



Soil: Hearts of People



BESIDE
THE ROAD



Rocky soil

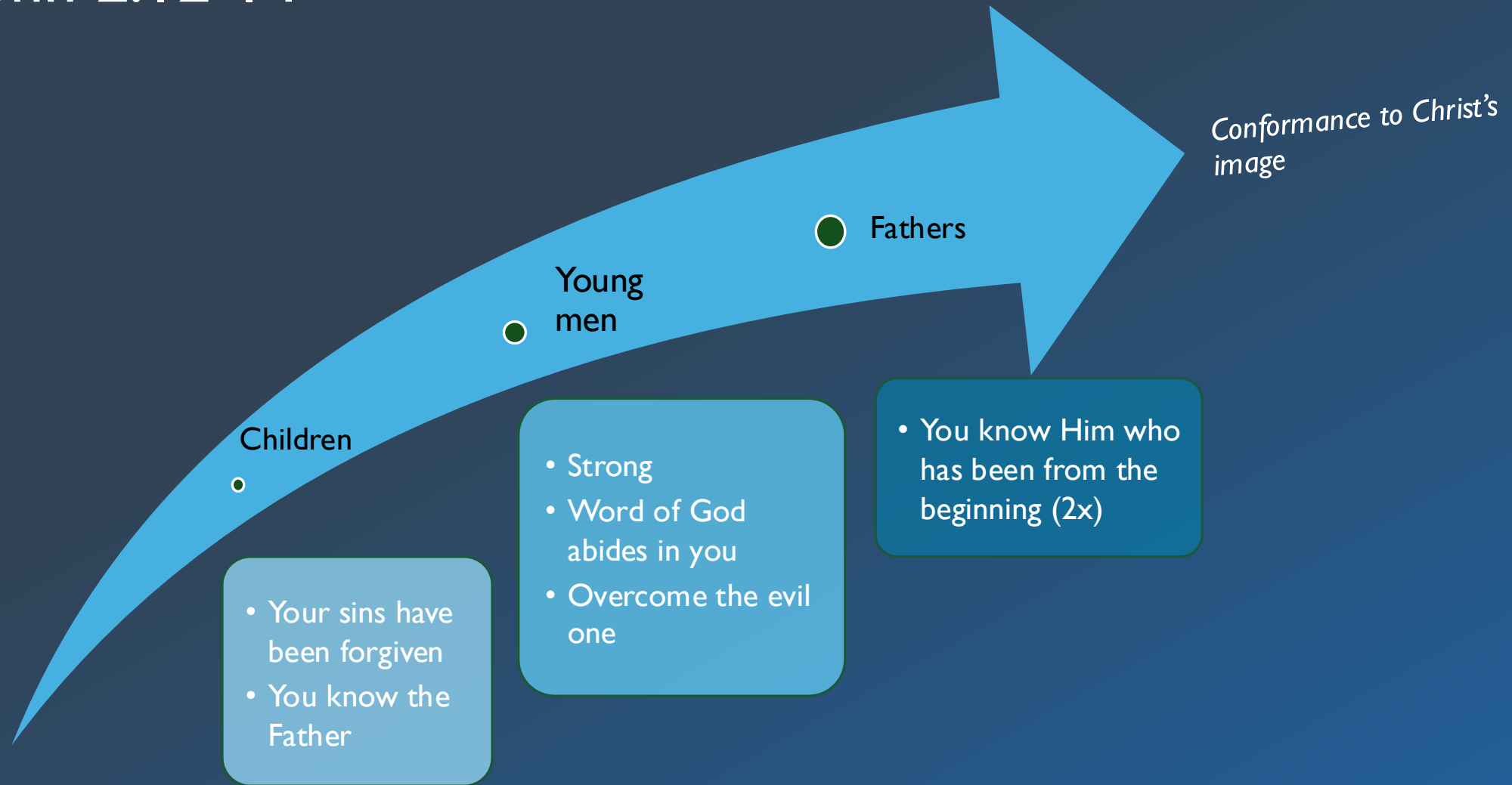


AMONG
THE
THORNS



INTO THE
GOOD
SOIL

I John 2:12-14





John 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.



John 15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.



Matt. 7:16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they?



*Psa. 1:3
He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water
Which yields its fruit in its season. And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers*

Are you a faithful
steward of the
gospel?

2 Cor. 5:18 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

1 Cor. 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel.

Gospel is
the **key** and
Jesus is the **answer**

