



Community of Soil

Kingwood Church of Christ

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problems become unsolvable

when we don't know the real problem

our biggest oversight

**assuming individual problems
require individual solutions**

sin no more

JOHN 8:11

MATTHEW 13

3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

MATTHEW 13

7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

you are not the seed

a good yield results from **soil** and
seed coming together

you do not make up the soil
we do

MATTHEW 13

15 For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

ISAIAH 6

13 ...the **holy seed** will be the stump in the land.

MATTHEW 13

18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19
When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and
does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches
away what was sown in their heart. This is **the seed sown
along the path.**

ACTS 8:30-1

“Do you **understand** what you are reading?” Philip asked.

“How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?”

MATTHEW 13

20 The **seed falling on rocky ground** refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 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.

MATTHEW 13

22 The **seed falling among the thorns** refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

MATTHEW 13

23 But the **seed falling on good soil** refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

your Christian identity
is bound by your vicinity
to the faith community

your faith is poor
because you're heading for the door

ECCLESIASTES 4

12 An enemy might defeat one person,
but two people together can defend themselves;
a rope that is woven of three strings is hard to break.

ZAMBIAN PROVERB

When you run alone, you run fast.

When you run with others, you run far.

the problem is not your behavior

it's your soil



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