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**I'VE LEARNED THERE ARE
ONLY TWO THINGS YOU NEED
TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT
WOMEN...**

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**A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE *OF*
GOD IS WORTH MORE THAN A
GREAT DEAL OF KNOWLEDGE
ABOUT GOD**

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**LUKE 8:4-15, "WHILE A LARGE CROWD
WAS GATHERING AND PEOPLE WERE
COMING TO JESUS FROM TOWN AFTER
TOWN, HE TOLD THIS PARABLE: 'A
FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED.**

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AS HE WAS SCATTERING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH; IT WAS TRAMPLED ON, AND THE BIRDS OF THE AIR ATE IT UP. SOME FELL ON ROCK, AND WHEN IT CAME UP, THE PLANTS WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO

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MOISTURE. OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP WITH IT AND CHOKED THE PLANTS. STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP AND YEILDED A CROP, A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WAS

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SOWN.’ WHEN HE SAID THIS, HE CALLED OUT, ‘HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR.’ HIS DISCIPLES ASKED HIM WHAT THIS PARABLE MEANT. HE SAID, ‘THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM

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OF GOD HAS BEEN GIVEN TO YOU, BUT TO OTHERS I SPEAK IN PARABLES, SO THAT, ‘THROUGH SEEING, THEY MAY NOT SEE; THROUGH HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.’ THIS IS THE MEANING OF THE PARABLE:

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THE SEED IS THE WORD OF GOD. THOSE ALONG THE PATH ARE THE ONES WHO HEAR, AND THEN THE DEVIL COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD FROM THEIR HEARTS, SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE AND BE

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SAVED. THOSE ON THE ROCK ARE THE ONES WHO RECEIVE THE WORD WITH JOY WHEN THEY HEAR IT, BUT THEY HAVE NO ROOT. THEY BELIEVED FOR A WHILE, BUT IN THE TIME OF TESTING THEY FALL AWAY. THE SEED THAT

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FELL AMONG THORNS STANDS FOR THOSE WHO HEAR, BUT AS THEY GO ON THEIR WAY THEY ARE CHOKED BY LIFES WORRIES, RICHES AND PLEASURES, AND THEY DO NOT MATURE. BUT THE SEED ON GOOD SOIL

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STANDS FOR THOSE WITH A NOBLE AND GOOD HEART, WHO HEAR THE WORD, RETAIN IT, AND BY PERSERVERING PRODUCE A CROP."

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WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO HEAR GOD SPEAK TO ME?

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I MUST CULTIVATE AN
OPEN MIND AND
RECEPTIVE HEAR.

(What do I have to do to hear God?)

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LUKE 8:12, "THOSE ALONG THE PATH ARE THE ONES WHO HEAR, AND THEN THE DEVIL COMES AND TAKES AWAY THE WORD FROM THEIR HEARTS, SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BELIEVE AND BE SAVED."

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WHAT HARDENS A PERSON'S HEART?

- PRIDE
- FEAR
- BITTERNESS

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JAMES 1:21, "GET RID OF ALL FILTH AND EVIL IN YOUR LIVES. HUMBL Y ACCEPT THE MESSAGE OF GOD THAT WAS PLANTED IN YOUR HEARTS. IT'S STRONG ENOUGH TO SAVE YOUR SOUL."

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**I MUST ALLOCATE
TIME TO *LISTEN*.**

(What do I have to do to hear God?)

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**LUKE 8:6, "OTHER SEEDS FELL ON
SHALLOW SOIL, WITH UNDERLYING
ROCK, AND THE SEED BEGAN TO
GROW, BUT SOON IT WITHERED AND
DIED FOR LACK OF MOISTURE."**

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**THERE'S A HUGE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
BEING *THRILLED* AND
BEING *TRANSFORMED*.**

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**I MUST *ELIMINATE*
DISTRACTIONS.**

(What do I have to do to hear God?)

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LUKE 8:7, "OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS THAT SHOT UP AND CHOKED OUT THE TENDER BLADES."

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LUKE 8:14, "THE THORNY GROUND REPRESENTS THOSE WHO HEAR; THEY ACCEPT THE MESSAGE, BUT ALL TOO QUICKLY THE MESSAGE IS CROWDED OUT BY THE CARES,

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AND THE RICHES, AND THE PLEASURES OF THIS LIFE, AND THEY NEVER GROW INTO MATURITY."

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WHEN OUR PLEASURES DRIVE OUR SCHEDULES AND DICTATE OUR LIVES, OUR PLEASURE BECOMES OUR PASSION; THAT MEANS SOMETHING IS WRONG IN THE SOIL OF OUR HEARTS!

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“ALL PEOPLE DESIRE WHAT THEY BELIEVE WILL MAKE THEM HAPPY. IF A PERSON IS NOT FULL OF DESIRE FOR GOD, WE CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT HE IS ENGAGED WITH ANOTHER HAPPINESS.”

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**I MUST *COOPERATE*
THROUGH *OBEDIENCE*.**

(What do I have to do to hear God?)

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LUKE 8:8, “STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL. IT CAME UP! IT YIELDED A CROP A HUNDRED TIMES MORE THAN WAS SOWN! HE WHO HAS EARS TO HEAR, LET HIM HEAR!”

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LUKE 8:15, “THE SEED ON THIS [GOOD] SOIL, STANDS FOR THOSE WITH A NOBLE AND GOOD HEART, WHO HEAR THE WORD; WHO RETAIN IT; AND BY PERSEVERING, PRODUCE A CROP.”

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JAMES 1:22, "DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE WORD, AND SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS!"

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WHAT WOULD JESUS SAY ABOUT THE SOIL CONDITION OF YOUR HEART, TODAY?

- IS IT HARD?
- IS IT SHALLOW?
- IS IT THORNY?
- IS IT GOOD?

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