

## **In Me Then Through Me 1 at a Time January 22, 2023**

Matthew 15:22-23 (NLT) A Gentile woman who lived there came to Him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."<sup>23</sup> But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then His disciples urged Him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging.

Mark 4:3-8 (NIV) Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.<sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.<sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.<sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.<sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.<sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times.

Mark 4:14-20 (NIV) The farmer sows the word.<sup>15</sup> Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.<sup>16</sup> Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy.<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>18</sup> Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;<sup>19</sup> but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.<sup>20</sup> Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.

### **Types of Soils**

- **"The Path"**
  - **Going through the motions**
  - **Spiritual apathy**
  - **Stubborn resistance**
  - **Bitter resentment**
  - **Somebody else needs the message more than you**
- **"Rocky Places"**
- **"Among Thorns"**
  - **Worries of this life**
  - **Deceitfulness of wealth**
  - **Worldly desires**
- **"Good Soil"**

**What does God want to do in you so that He can accomplish His work through you?**