



Every single person of mature faith started _____, inexperienced, and immature (1 Cor 13:11). But why did they start? Where did their spiritual development begin? What did they have that others who never develop faith are lacking? Jesus' foundational parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-15) helps us answer those questions.

What are we talking about?

- "The seed is the _____ of God" (8:11)
- "...those who have _____" (8:12) ... "when they hear the word" (8:13) ... "they are those who hear..." (8:14) ... "they are those who, hearing the word..." (8:15) - Jesus isn't really talking about paths, rocks, thorns, and soils. He's talking about our hearts and challenging us to ask...

"In what condition is _____ heart?" Some are like...

- A well-traveled walking _____: beaten-down and busy
- _____ ground: full of clutter, with little room for spiritual roots
- A nest of _____: choked with the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things
- _____ soil: not perfect, guiltless, or spotless, but hearing the word...
 - Bearing _____ (Luke 3:8; Psa 38; Acts 2:37-38; Gal 5:22-23)
 - _____ the word in an honest and good heart (2 Cor 11:3; Heb 10:19-22)
 - Patiently taking _____ toward firmness of _____ (Heb 10:23; Col 2:5-7)