

Responses To The Gospel

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[0:00] The 11th of February. Responses to the Gospel. And Jesus told them many things in parables, saying, A sower went out to sow.

Matthew chapter 13 and verse 3. Jesus loved to paint pictures with words and he loved to tell stories. All the pictures he painted, all the stories he told, had a very important purpose. They were to teach people about the Gospel and to draw people to believe the Gospel and to follow him. One of these stories was the parable of the sower, his seed and the ground on which it fell. Matthew chapter 13 verse 1 to 23. In this story, Jesus compared the seed to the word of the Gospel, which is told in churches and books and in conversations. People receive this word in different ways. Jesus compared the ground on which the seed fell to the way people respond to the Gospel message.

[1:19] Some people's hearts are hard and they do not respond at all. Others seem to be delighted with the word, but after a while their enthusiasm goes. Others believe for a while, but get turned off when the troubles come.

But some believe and bear fruit. They persevere and find great joy in following Jesus. Where do we fit into the picture? And a prayer.

Dear Lord, help me to believe and to follow you to the end. Amen.