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A FOUNTAIN OF LIFE - PART 2

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TEACHING IN A SLIDE

- The purpose of our lives: 'follow Him' on a journey
 - More than accomplishments, appointments,
- The devil wants to waylay us on our journey
- The 'fear of the Lord' is the key that keeps us on track to finish our journey
- Insights from the parable of the sower

SCRIPTURES

- Luke 8:11-15
- 2Corinthians 5:14

LUKE 8:11-15

¹¹ “Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. ¹² Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴ The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity. ¹⁵ But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

2CORINTHIANS 5:14-19

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

REMINDER: THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE

- He gave us a purpose??
 - “Things in your life” not the same as “purpose of your life”
 - Above specific assignments: follow Him
 - Know Him
 - Serve Him

REMINDER: THE PURPOSE OF YOUR LIFE

- The purpose of your life:
 - ‘sail your boat to a place called “Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”’
 - God doesn’t force us to reach our destination...
 - To keep us on track?
 - the “fear of the Lord”



REMEMBER THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- The Fear of the LORD
 - NOT fear of Him punishing you and throwing you into hell
 - “What He thinks about me and what I’m doing is more important than anything else”*

THE DEVIL WANTS TO WAYLAY YOU

- His schemes are about affecting where you steer your boat to...
- Has all sorts of techniques
- But he can't steer your boat directly...



THE DEVIL WANTS TO WAYLAY YOU

- Has all sorts of techniques
 - forget that God is with you and for you
 - forget that you have a destination
 - forget that your life is not your own

FOR EVERY BELIEVER

- Matt. 28:19 - “Go and make disciples”
- 1 Thes. 5:16-18 ”Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
- Eph. 5:18 - “Be filled with the Spirit”
- Eph. 4:16 - “according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love”

INSIGHTS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- “Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.”
 - Hear and believe (!)

INSIGHTS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- “Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.”
 - Don't be shallow with what God says
 - In trial, will stand if not shallow

INSIGHTS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- “The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.
 - It IS possible to choke the Word
 - Worries, desires for other things DO have an effect
 - You can't be filled with the world and with God...
 - one of those will keep you on track

INSIGHTS FROM THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- “But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance”
 - hold fast the word
 - persevere

REMEMBER THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- If not, “What must we do”?
 - repent!
 - grow in the fear of the Lord
 - be faithful with little

REMEMBER THE FEAR OF THE LORD

- How is your boat doing?
- What is the purpose of your life?
- Why do you do what you do?
 - walk by faith, not by sight
 - love and serve one another



