**HEARING GOD SPEAK**

*“Listen to him.”*

*--Matthew 17:5*

**WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?**

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*Jesus: “My sheep recognize my voice and follow me.”*

*--John 10:27 (New Living Translation)*

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*“Listen for God's voice in everything you do, and everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track.”*

*--Proverbs 3:6* *(Message)*

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*“I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.”*

*--Psalm 32:8 (New Living Translation)*

**HOW TO HEAR GOD**

*Luke 8:4-15*

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*“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.”*

*--Luke 8:5 (NIV)*

*The hardened soil =*

*“Those along the footpath are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts”*

*--Luke 8:12 (NIV)*

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*“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture.”*

*--Luke 8:6 (New Living Translation)*

*“The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.” Luke 8:13 (New Living Translation)*

*The shallow soil =*

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*“Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.”*

*--Luke 8:7 (The Message)*

*“The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life’s worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don’t mature.”*

*--Luke 8:14 (NIV)*

*The soil with weeds =*

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*“The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.”*

*--Luke 8:15 (Good News)*

*The good soil =*

*“…they listen to God's words and cling to them and steadily spread them to others who also soon believe.” Luke 8:15 (LB)*