

Matthew 28:19–20 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

GO

AND MAKE DISCIPLES

BEING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

The Challenge of **Personal Evangelism**



The Desperate
NEED

THE LOST & FOUND SHEEP, COIN & SON

CONTRASTING THE ATTITUDE OF THE PHARISEES & JESUS TOWARD SINNERS

Luke 15:1–2 (NKJV)

¹ Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. ² And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

“Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”



Jesus responds with a parabolic triptych . . .

THE LOST & FOUND SHEEP, COIN & SON

CONTRASTING THE ATTITUDE OF THE PHARISEES & JESUS TOWARD SINNERS

Jesus responds with a parabolic triptych . . .

"SHEEP"



Luke 15:1-7

"COIN"



Luke 15:8-10

"SON"



Luke 15:11-32

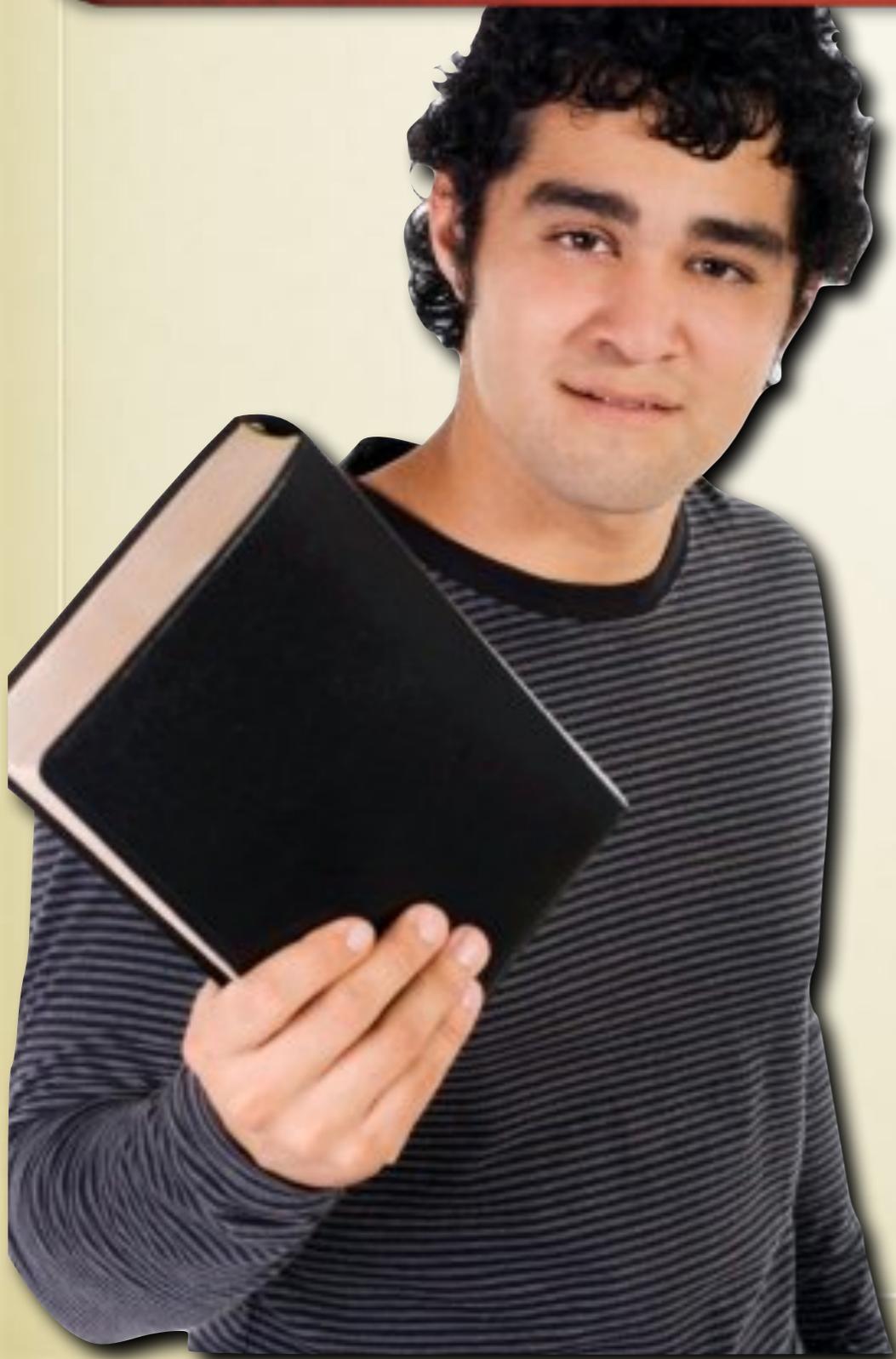
OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE LOST?

DO WE UNDERSTAND?



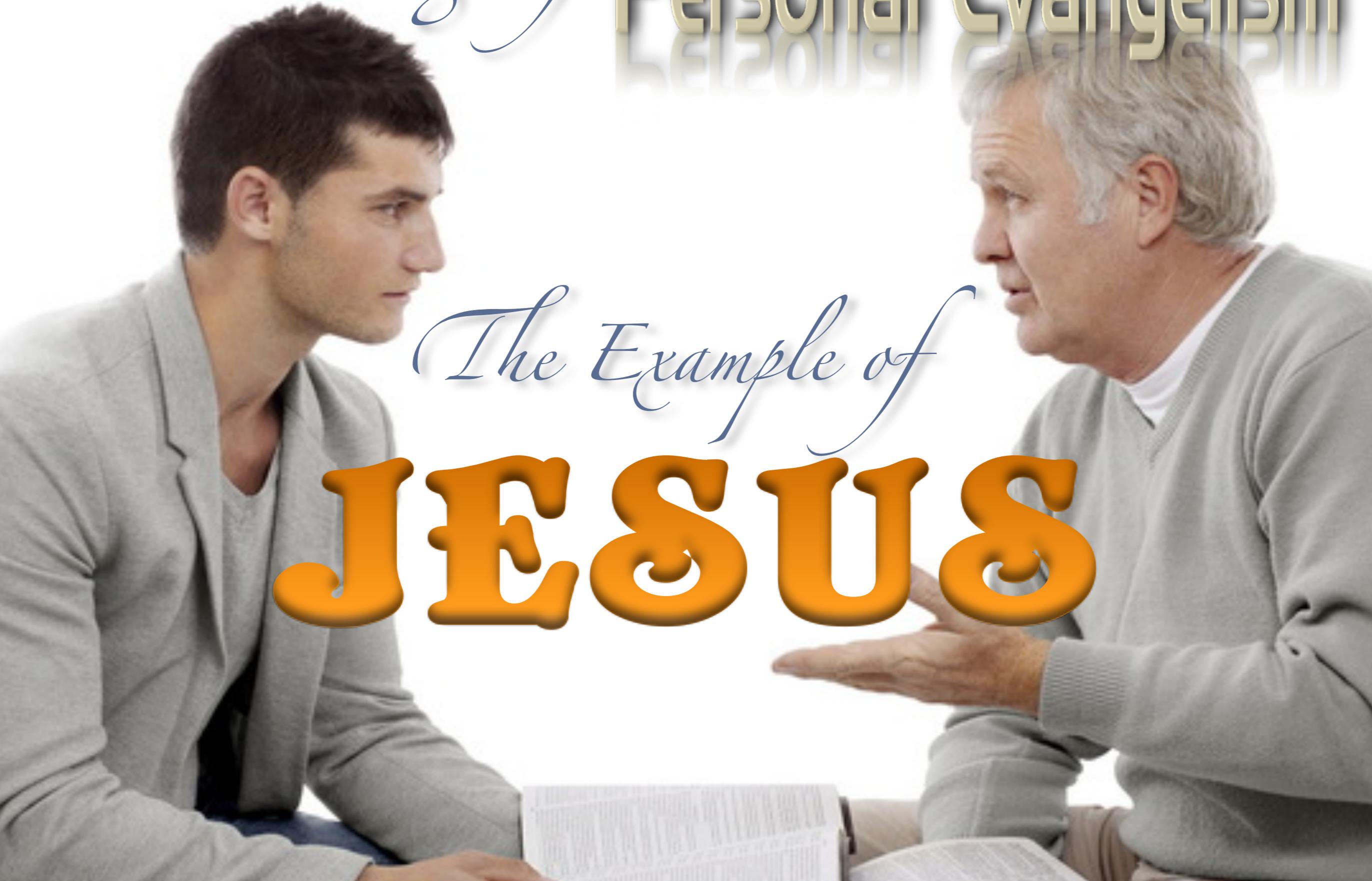
- The State of The Lost - Eph 2:12; 1 Thes 4:13
- The Value of The Lost - Mat 18:14; 1 Pet 1:18-21
- The Love God Has For The Lost - Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8-10; 2 Cor 5:19-21
- Our responsibility to the lost? - Rom 1:14,15; Jam 5:19,20; Mk 12:29-31

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- ~ THE GREATEST **NEED** – we all have – Rom 3:23; 1:16,17; Jn 14:6; Acts 4:12
- ~ The greatest **SERVICE** we can provide another – Mat. 28:19,20; Acts 8:4
- ~ Are We **willing** to do everything in our power to bring others to Jesus?

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The Example of

JESUS

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COMPASSION for the LOST



Matthew 9:36 (NKJV)

³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

cf. Mark 6:34

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SEEKING TO SAVE the LOST



Luke 19:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

cf. John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-7; Hebrews 2:9

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Luke 15:4 (NKJV)

⁴ “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?”

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SEEKING TO SAVE the LOST



Luke 5:30–32 (NKJV)

³⁰ And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, “Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” ³¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”

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SACRIFICING for the LOST



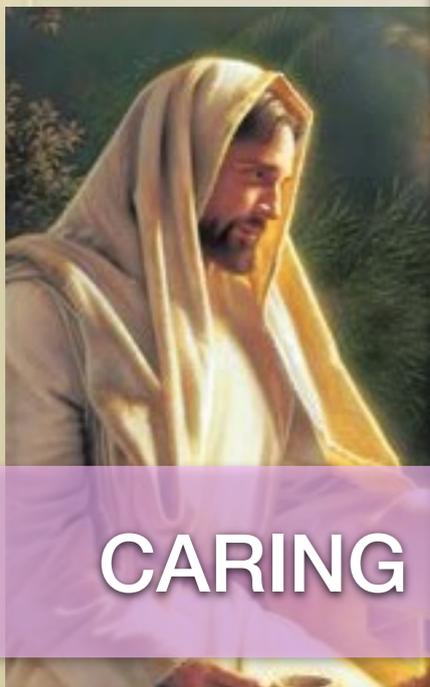
John 15:13 (NKJV)

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

*cf. Luke 19:26-37 ... The good Samaritan
While sinners ... Rom 5:8-10; 1 Jno. 4:9, 10;
Shouldn't we also ... 1 Jno. 3:16; Rom 1:14
Are we doing right? ... 2 Kings 7:9*

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... # 97



CARING

ACTIVE

SACRIFICIAL

FOLLOWERS

2nd verse . . . full of compassion, Loving, forgiving, tender and kind, Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting, Seeking the wand'ring sinner to find."

3rd verse . . . Lowly in spirit, holy and harmless, patient and brave; Meekly enduring cruel reproaches, Willing to suffer, others to save . . .

Chorus: ... Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... # 97



Matthew 10:24-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master.

(cf. 1 Peter 2:21)

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4



Why the Lord NEEDED to pass through Samaritan territory (1-4).

The actual exchange between Jesus and this woman (5-26).

The effect that ultimately was produced as a result of this incident (27-42).

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4



~ A Samaritan woman well aware of the prejudices - 9

~ Aware of Jacob & the scriptures - 12

~ She was a sinner - 17-18

~ Had some knowledge of religion - 19,20

~ Expected the Messiah & had knowledge of Him - 25

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4



~ Took advantage of the occasion - 7

~ Began from established common interest - 7,10

~ Used occasion to discuss spiritual things - 10,13,14

~ Gently confronted her sin & error - 16-18, 21-24

~ Was direct - 25,26

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4

The Result

John 4:28-42 (NKJV)

²⁸ The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, ²⁹ “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” ³⁰ Then they went out of the city and came to Him. ...



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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4

The Result

John 4:28-42 (NKJV)

³⁹ And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ...



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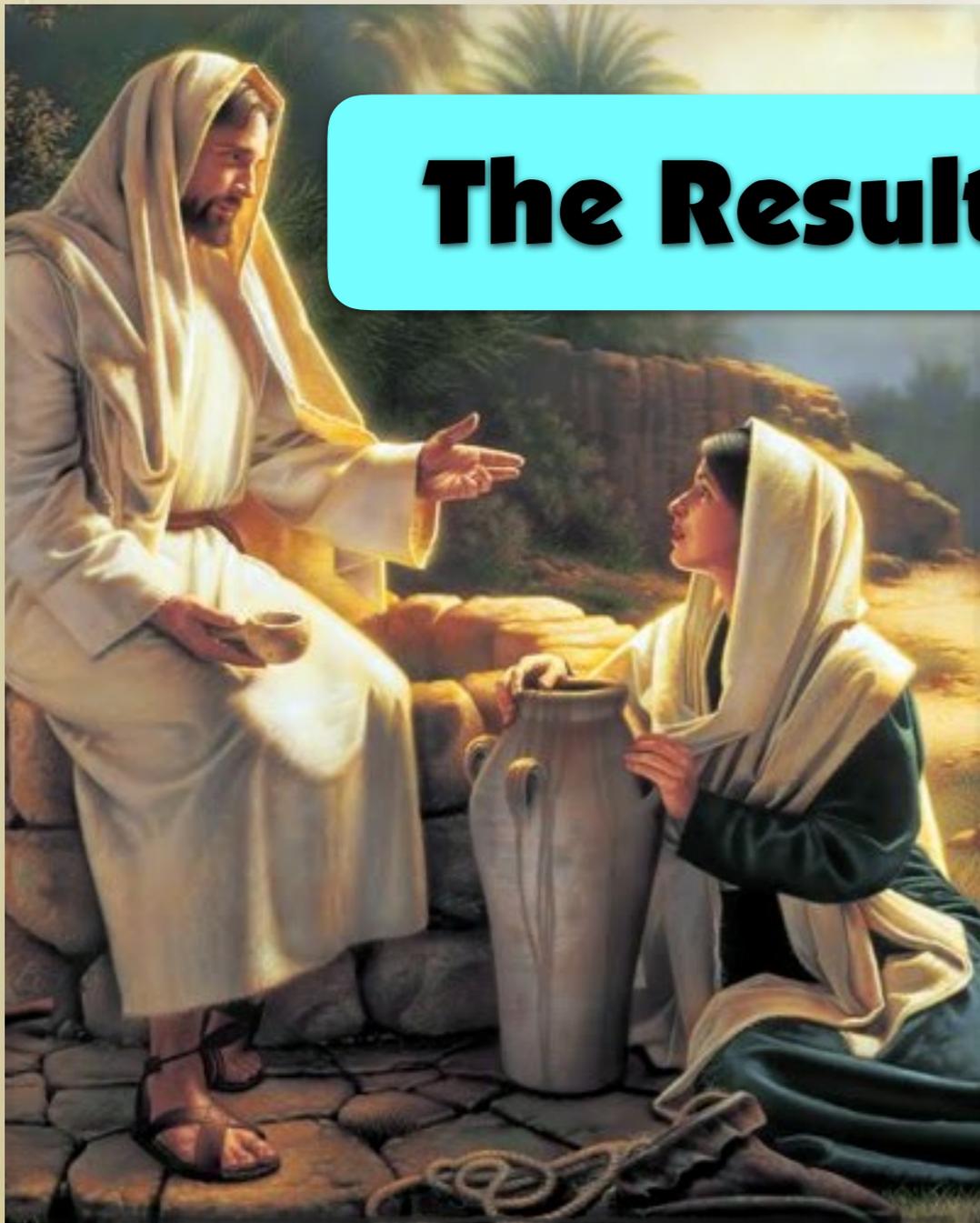
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The Result

John 4:28-42 (NKJV)

⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word. ⁴²

Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”



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~ The disciples marveled that Jesus was speaking with a woman – 27

~ The disciples were more concerned with carnal things – 31-33

~ The disciples needed to learn what is truly important – 34-38

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O To Be LIKE THEE ... John 4



John 4:34-35 (NKJV)

³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

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Being “Sowers of God’s Word”

Luke 8:4-8 (NKJV)

⁴ And when a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

⁵ “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. ⁸ But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

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Being “Fisher’s of MEN”



Matthew 4:18–20 (NKJV)

¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

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Some Questions To Ponder ...



Do I know enough Scripture to help one become a Christian?

Do I honestly feel that I am my brother's keeper, and that his salvation may depend **LARGELY** upon me? _____

Have I offered the excuse, "I **DON'T KNOW HOW**," for not doing personal work? _____

Do I think I can ever really learn how until I try? _____

Do I plan to begin? _____

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Some Questions To Ponder ...



- ~ How many people do I NOW have my heart set on to teach? _____
- ~ To what extent have I gone to try & teach these people? _____
- ~ Do I ever pray **FERVENTLY** that I might become a better soul winner? _____
- ~ DO I **SINCERELY TRY** to help that prayer be answered? _____

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Some Questions To Ponder ...



Am I interested enough in Heaven, and does it mean enough to me that I earnestly desire others to go with me? _____

We can't save everyone, but will we allow those close to us to stand before God unprepared & will we hear them say "you never mentioned Him to me"? _____

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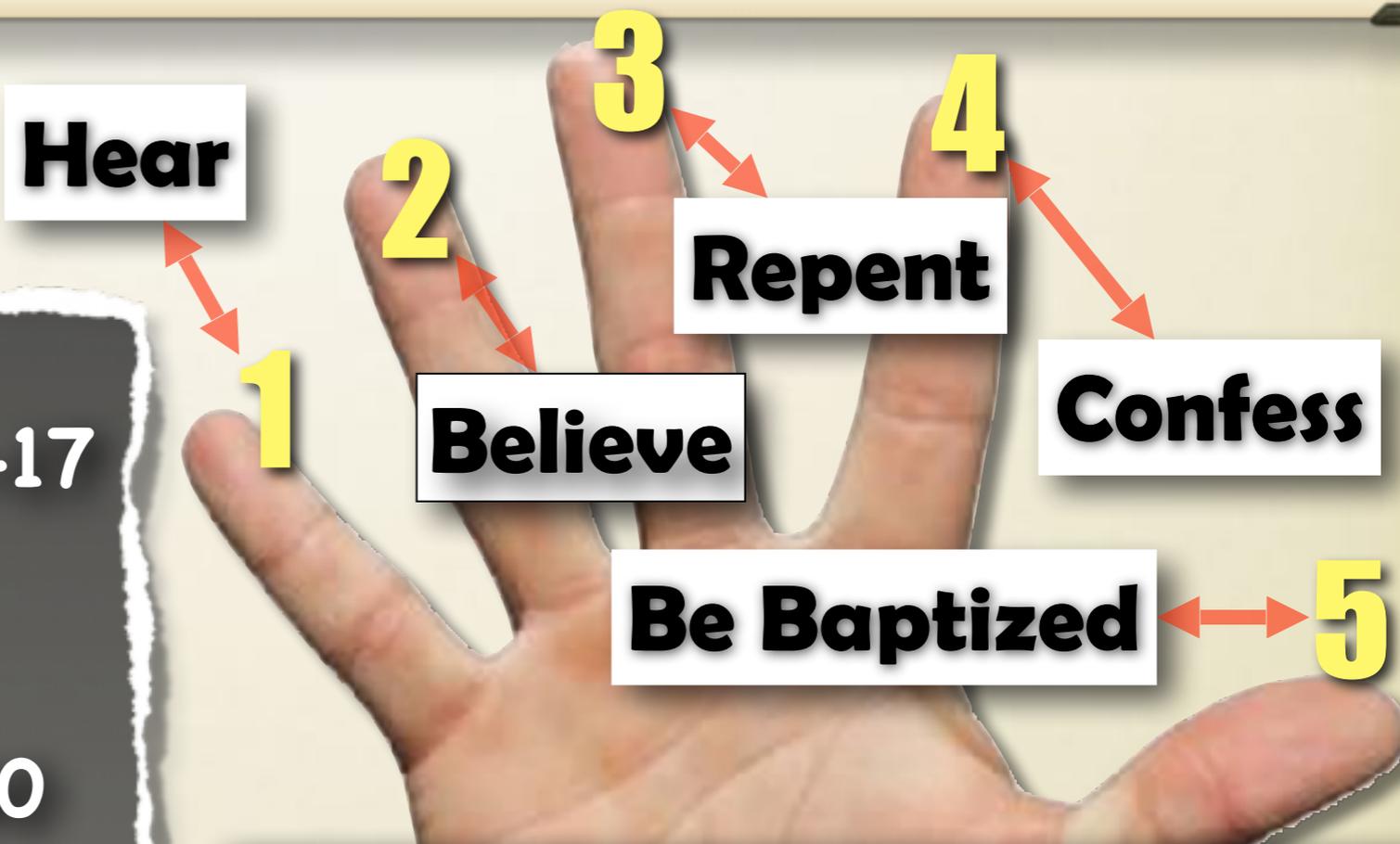
Matthew 13

- All need the gospel – which is the only hope for the lost!
- If we are truly converted to Christ – we WILL naturally try to tell others!

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The Truth About Salvation

- * Luke 8:11; Rom. 10:13-17
- * John 8:24; Heb 11:6
- * Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30
- * Mat. 10:32,33; Rom 10:9
- * Acts 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21



What must I do
to be **SAVED?**

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a large quantity of golden wheat seeds. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the seeds spilling slightly. The background is a dark, rich brown soil, with many more wheat seeds scattered across it, creating a sense of abundance and growth. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the seeds and the skin of the hand.

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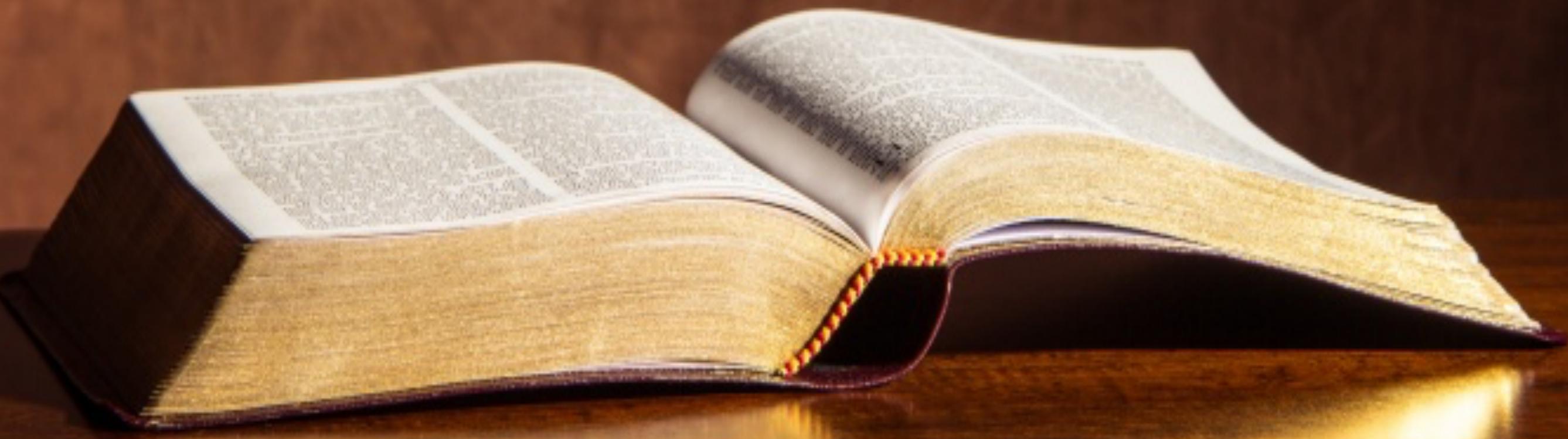
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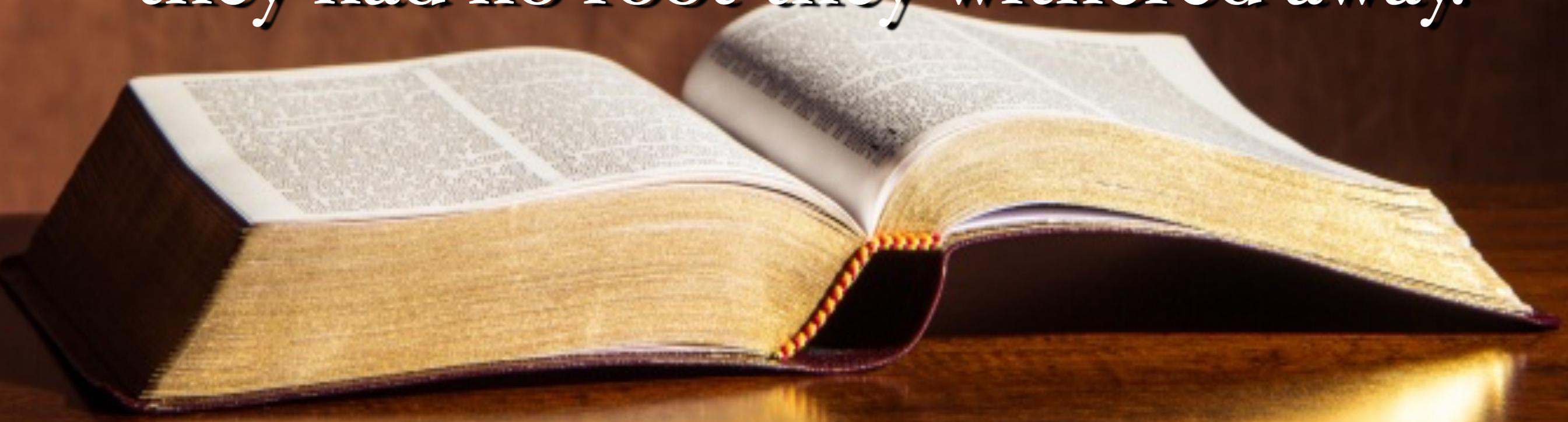
MATTHEW 13:3-9 (NKJV)

³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: “Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.



MATTHEW 13:3-9 (NKJV)

5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away.



MATTHEW 13:3-9 (NKJV)

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8

But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

