

LISTENING GUIDE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23; Isaiah 55:10-13 – Keep Calm and Plant the Seed

1. When the _____ powerful message of God's grace is _____ in human hearts it has different _____.
2. I may want to _____, because I haven't seen _____.
3. Jesus encourages me to keep calm and _____ the _____.
 - 1) In _____ heart.
 - 2) In the hearts of _____.
4. God desires to bring _____ when he plants his Word.

NEXT STEPS

QUESTIONS ARE PROVIDED FOR PERSONAL STUDY AND APPLICATION TO TAKE THIS MESSAGE DEEPER INTO YOUR LIFE.

1. Jesus' parable in Matthew 13 applies to your own heart. Your heart can be hard, quickly excited but then fade away, be choked out by worry, or trust God's Word and produce abundant faith. **With what specific messages of God's Word does your own heart tend to be like the following soils from Jesus' parable:**

Seed on the Path (Hard heart)

Seed on the Rocks (Excited faith, but then fades away)

Among the Thorns (Choked out by worldly worries)

Good Soil (Faithful trust in God's promises)

2. Write down the names of people you know who have had these different reactions to God's Word in the past. **Pray that God provides you the opportunity to plant the seed of his grace in their hearts again and celebrate those whom God has brought to faith.**

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