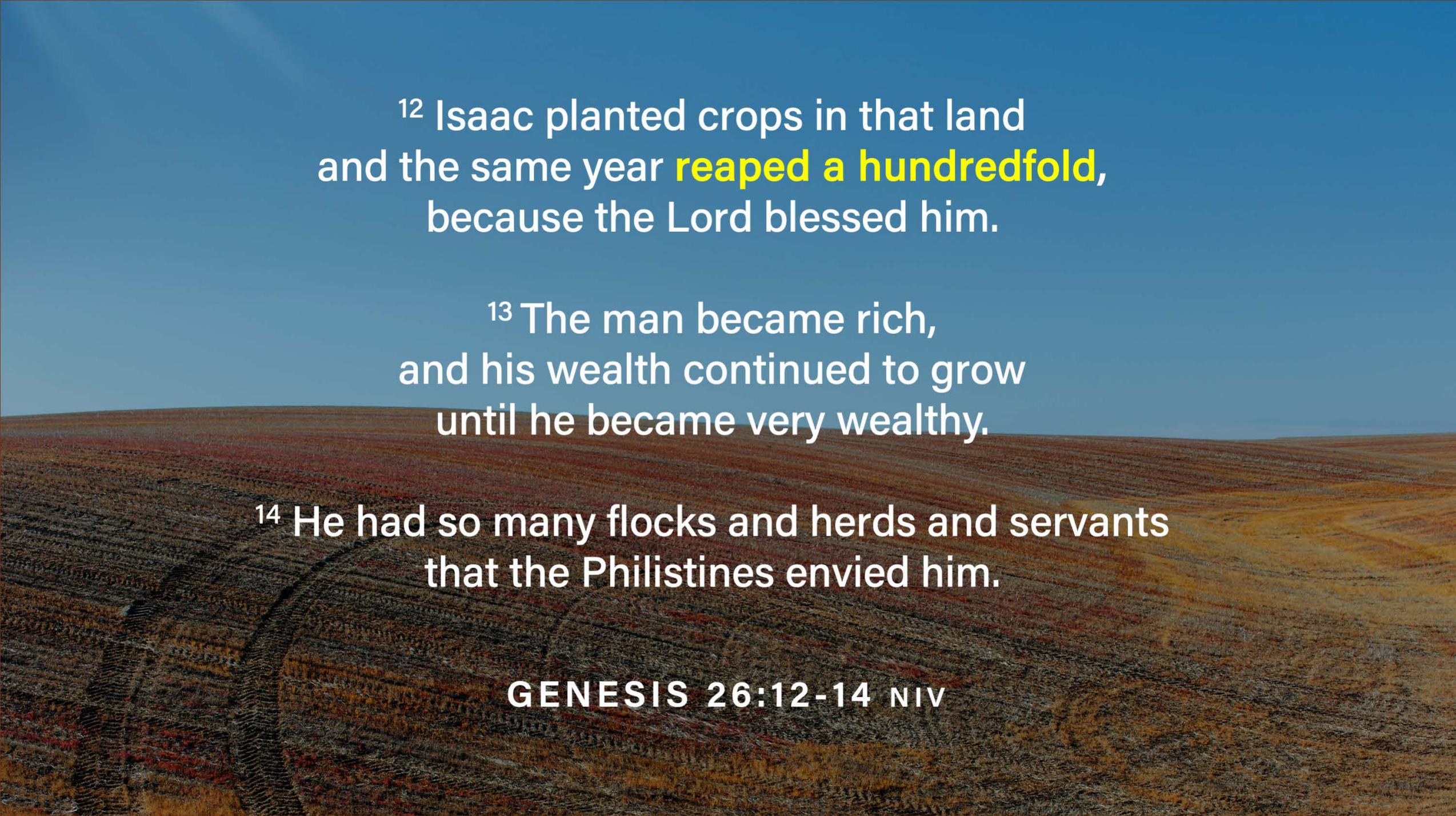


God will distinguish you through
FRUITFULNESS



¹² Isaac planted crops in that land
and the same year **reaped a hundredfold**,
because the Lord blessed him.

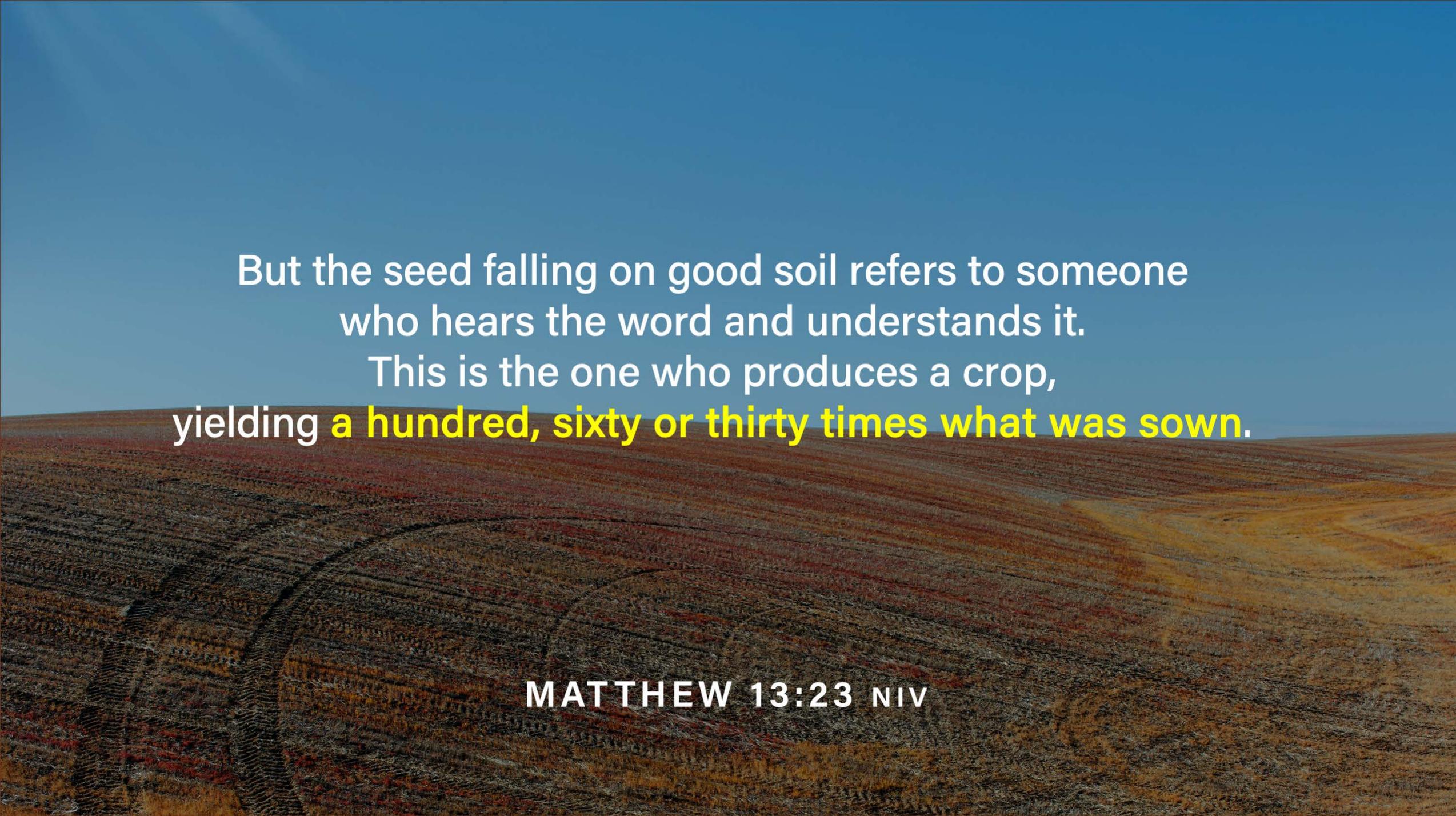
¹³ The man became rich,
and his wealth continued to grow
until he became very wealthy.

¹⁴ He had so many flocks and herds and servants
that the Philistines envied him.

GENESIS 26:12-14 NIV

An aerial photograph of a vast, flat, brown landscape, likely a dry field or tundra, under a clear blue sky. The terrain is textured with small, reddish-brown patches and dark, winding tracks or paths. The text "2 CORINTHIANS 9:8" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

An aerial photograph of a harvested agricultural field. The ground is dark brown and textured with numerous curved tire tracks from heavy machinery. The field extends to a flat horizon under a clear, bright blue sky. The overall scene is one of a vast, open landscape.

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone
who hears the word and understands it.
This is the one who produces a crop,
yielding **a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.**

MATTHEW 13:23 NIV



BE FRUITFUL

OWN YOUR FAITH



**OWN YOUR FAITH:
EXAMINE YOUR HEART**

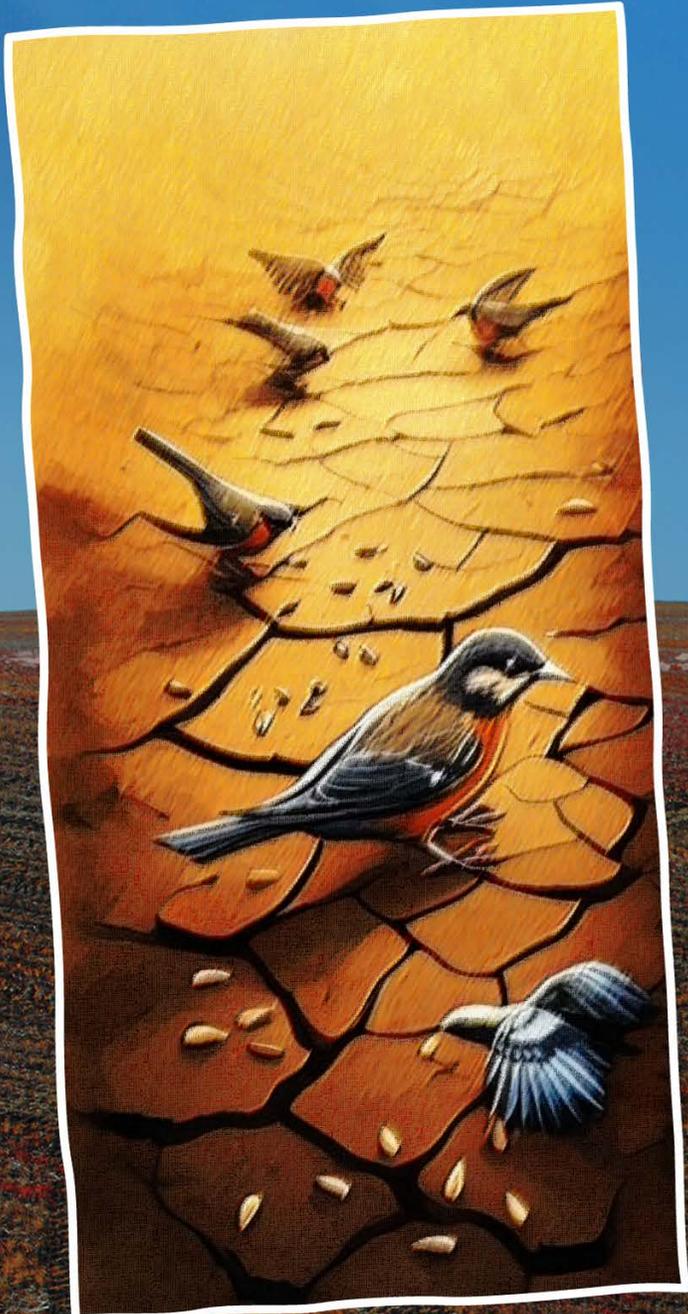
MATTHEW 13:1-23

MARK 4:1-20

LUKE 8:4-15





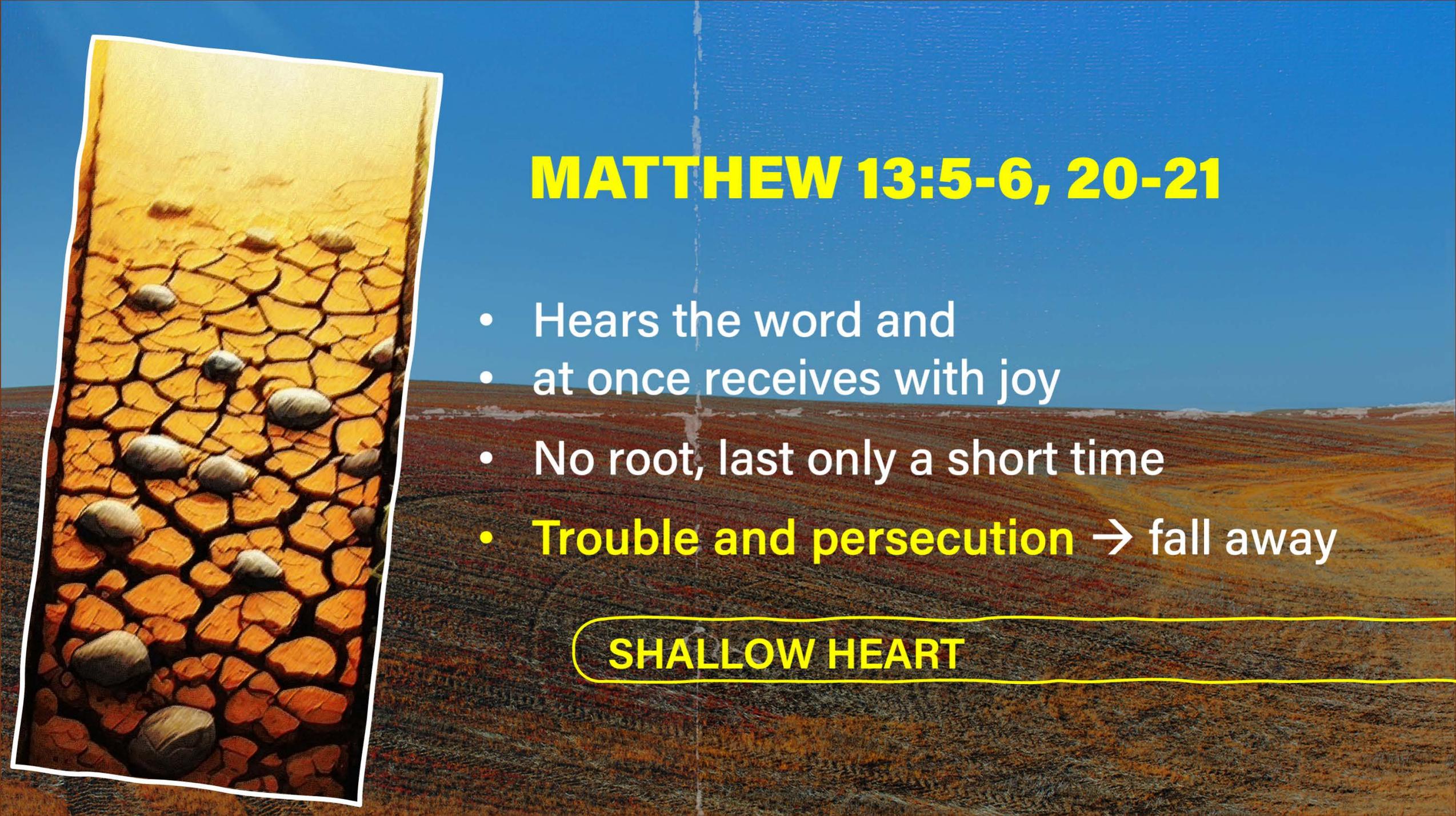


MATTHEW 13:4, 19

PATH

- Hears and **does not understand**
- Evil one snatches it away

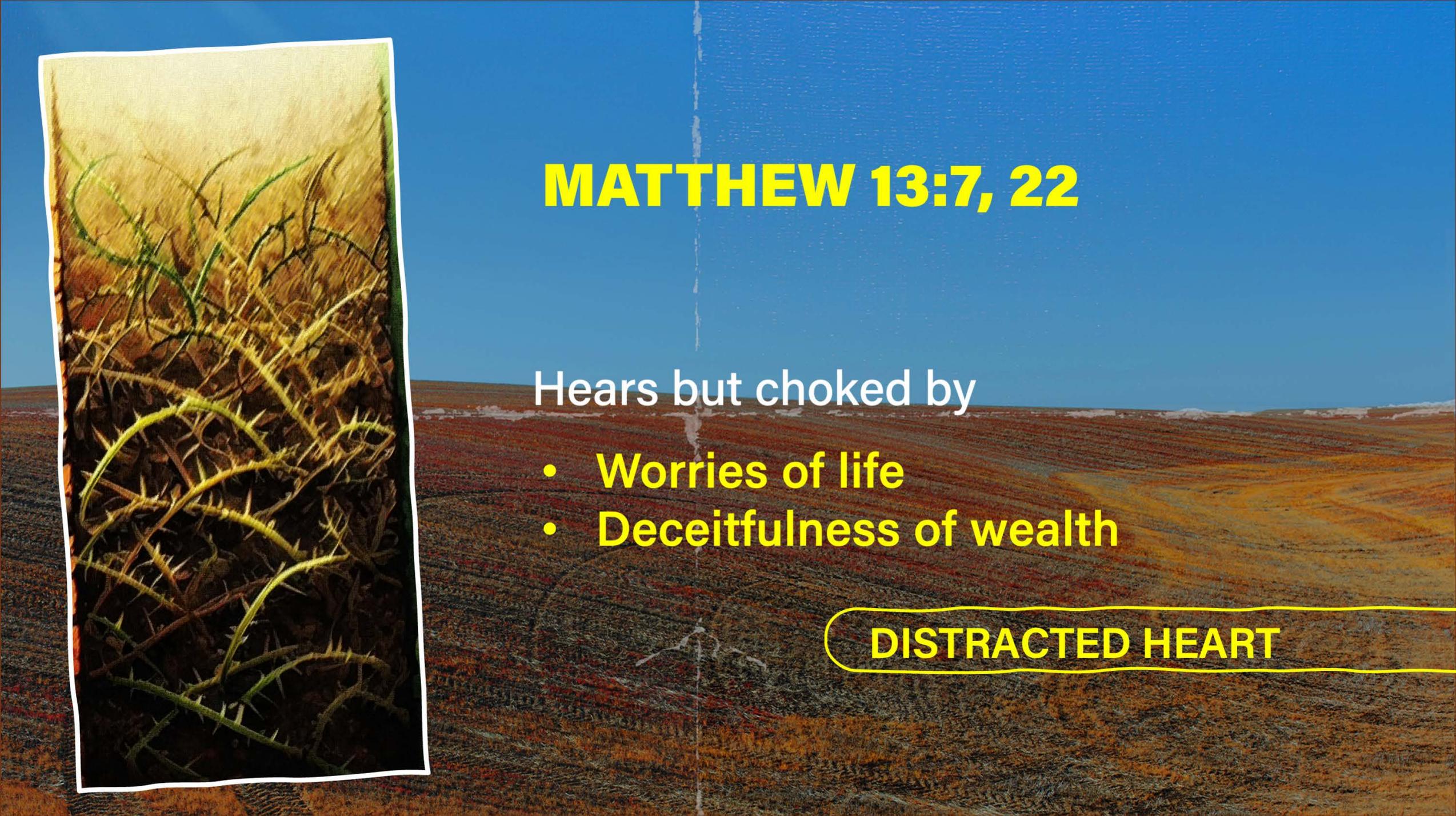
HARDENED / CALLOUSED HEART



MATTHEW 13:5-6, 20-21

- Hears the word and
- at once receives with joy
- No root, last only a short time
- **Trouble and persecution** → fall away

SHALLOW HEART



MATTHEW 13:7, 22

Hears but choked by

- **Worries of life**
- **Deceitfulness of wealth**

DISTRACTED HEART

MATTHEW 13:8, 23

- Hears the word and **understands**
- Produces a crop, yielding a 100, 60, or 30 times what was sown

NOBLE AND GOOD HEART





**OWN YOUR FAITH:
EXAMINE YOUR HEART**



**OWN YOUR FAITH:
TREASURE GOD'S WORD**





UNDERSTAND

ACCEPT



RETAIN



Understand

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and **understands** it.

This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

MATTHEW 13:23 NIV



Understand

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament

“To set or bring together in the mind, to understand, perceive the sense of what is said.”

- I get it!

Accept

Others, like seed sown on good soil,
hear the word, **accept** it,
and produce a crop—
some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.

MARK 4:20 NIV



Accept

Strong's

To receive, accept, admit, welcome

- God says it, I believe it

Retain and Persevere

But the seed on good soil stands for those
with a noble and good heart,
who hear the word,
retain it,
and by **persevering** produce a crop.

LUKE 8:15 NIV



Retain

Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament

To hold fast, keep secure, keep firm possession of

- I won't let it go!

Persevere



- Steady, ongoing endurance
- Spirit-empowered faith
- Eternal perspective

Eugene Peterson

Long obedience in the same direction



**OWN YOUR FAITH:
CULTIVATE THROUGH PRAYER**



An aerial photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground is dominated by a large, circular, textured pattern, possibly a natural rock formation or a man-made structure, with concentric rings and radial lines. The ground is a mix of brown, tan, and reddish hues. The horizon is flat and extends across the middle of the frame. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text "SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS SPIRITUAL!" is overlaid in the center in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH
IS SPIRITUAL!**

Pray to Know God Better

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father,
may give you the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**,
so that you may **know Him better**.

EPHESIANS 1:17 NIV

Pray to Grasp the Power and Love of God

¹⁶ I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with **power** through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in **love**,

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 NIV

Pray to Grasp the Power and Love of God

¹⁸ may have **power**, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the **love** of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this **love** that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19 NIV

Pray to Live with an Eternal Perspective

I pray that the eyes of your heart
may be enlightened in order that
you may know the **hope** to which he has called you,
the **riches of his glorious inheritance** in his holy people,

EPHESIANS 1:18 NIV