

# HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

## Part 1 of 4: God Wants to Talk with You

### Luke 8:5-8 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> "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 ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

### Luke 8:11-15

<sup>11</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. <sup>15</sup> 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.

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## HOW DO I HEAR GOD SPEAK?

1. If I want to hear God speak to me I must \_\_\_\_\_  
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Verse 12: *Those along the footpath are the ones who hear and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved.*

2. The second barrier to our hearing from God is \_\_\_\_\_.