

**SERMON SERIES:** RESET  
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### Key Line

“Loving God”

### Introduction

Latest week we read 2 Timothy where we spoke about loving God’s Word. This week we read Matthew 13 where we spoke about God and how every good and perfect gift comes from God. This includes His faithfulness, sympathy toward us, humility, goodness, and love. Hardship comes from the enemy who tries to convince us that hardships are God’s fault.

- When was a time that the enemy tried to convince you that God was not enough?

### Seek the Word

Read Matthew 13:18-23

- In your own words, explain the parable of the sower.
- There are 2 rules that were confirmed by Jesus-1) Love God with all your heart, soul, and might; and 2) Love others as yourself.

Read Mathew 13:18-19

- **Heart = mind** and the birds steal the seed.
- How has the enemy attempted to steal seed from you?

Read Matthew 13:20-21

- **Soul = spirit** and the sun scorches the seed.
- How have you experienced persecution, maybe a place or time when the Gospel was not popular?

Read Matthew 13:22

- **Might = thorns** and the concerns of the world choke the seed.
- What are the thorns/weeds that you worry, stress, pray about?
- We are encouraged to use our might (gifts/possessions) for the benefit of others. How are you currently doing this and/or how could you do this?

Read Matthew 13:23

- **Good Soil = fruitfulness**
- How are you allowing the seed God plants in you to produce fruit?

### Talk About It

- What soil do you most relate to most at this time in your life?

### Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Knowing God allows us to recognize the “weeds” within our life that tries to hold us back. God has created us for more!

*Challenge:* We all want to produce a good crop in our time on earth. Think about how you might be distracted from your mission to love God with all your heart, soul, and might? What do you need to do to remove that distraction?