

Josh Turner

Opener



Watch: the Josh Turner film.

Question: What did you like or identify with in Josh's story?
What did you not like or find confusing about Josh's story?
What did you learn about people or God from Josh's story?

Hear the Bible *Read this yourself or with a group*

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: "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. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 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."

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 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. 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. 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. 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 8:4-15 (NIV)

Talk about the Bible

What it says

1. What did you like about this Bible story?
2. What did you not like or find confusing about this story?

What it means

3. What does this story teach about people?
4. What does this story teach about God?

Live and Tell

5. How, specifically, are you going to live out today's discussion?
6. Who will you tell? With whom will you have a spiritual conversation about today's story?

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