

Sermon Notes

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"Saying Yes to God."

1. God's "Yes" to Us (Luke 22:14-20)

Communion: Supper and Sacrifice

God *for* us – to the uttermost

God *with* us – to the uttermost

2. Our "Yes" to God (1 John 4:19: "We love because he first loved us")

Good Soil Fruitful, Effective

3. Our "Yes" – No, or Maybe – to God (Luke 8:4-15)

- i. Path Disbelief: the power and pervasiveness of another word
- ii. Rock Difficulties: the allure of an easier path
- iii. Thorns Distractions: multiple unsorted priorities

Luke 8:4-15

⁴When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable:

⁵"A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed,

- some fell on the **path** and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.
- ⁶Some fell on the **rock**; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture.
- ⁷Some fell among **thorns**, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.
- ⁸Some fell into **good soil**, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold."

As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

--- ⁹Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant.

¹⁰He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables,

so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'"

¹¹"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

- ¹²The ones on the **path** are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.
- ¹³The ones on the **rock** are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no **root**; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away.
- ¹⁴As for what fell among the **thorns**, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.
- ¹⁵But as for that in the **good soil**, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

