

# The Young Prophet (1 Kings 13:1-24)





## Parable of Sower (Luke 8:4-15)

- How I've looked at this before:
  - Jesus is speaking to sowers
  - Purpose is to prepare us for the different responses people will have to the gospel
  - Sound familiar?

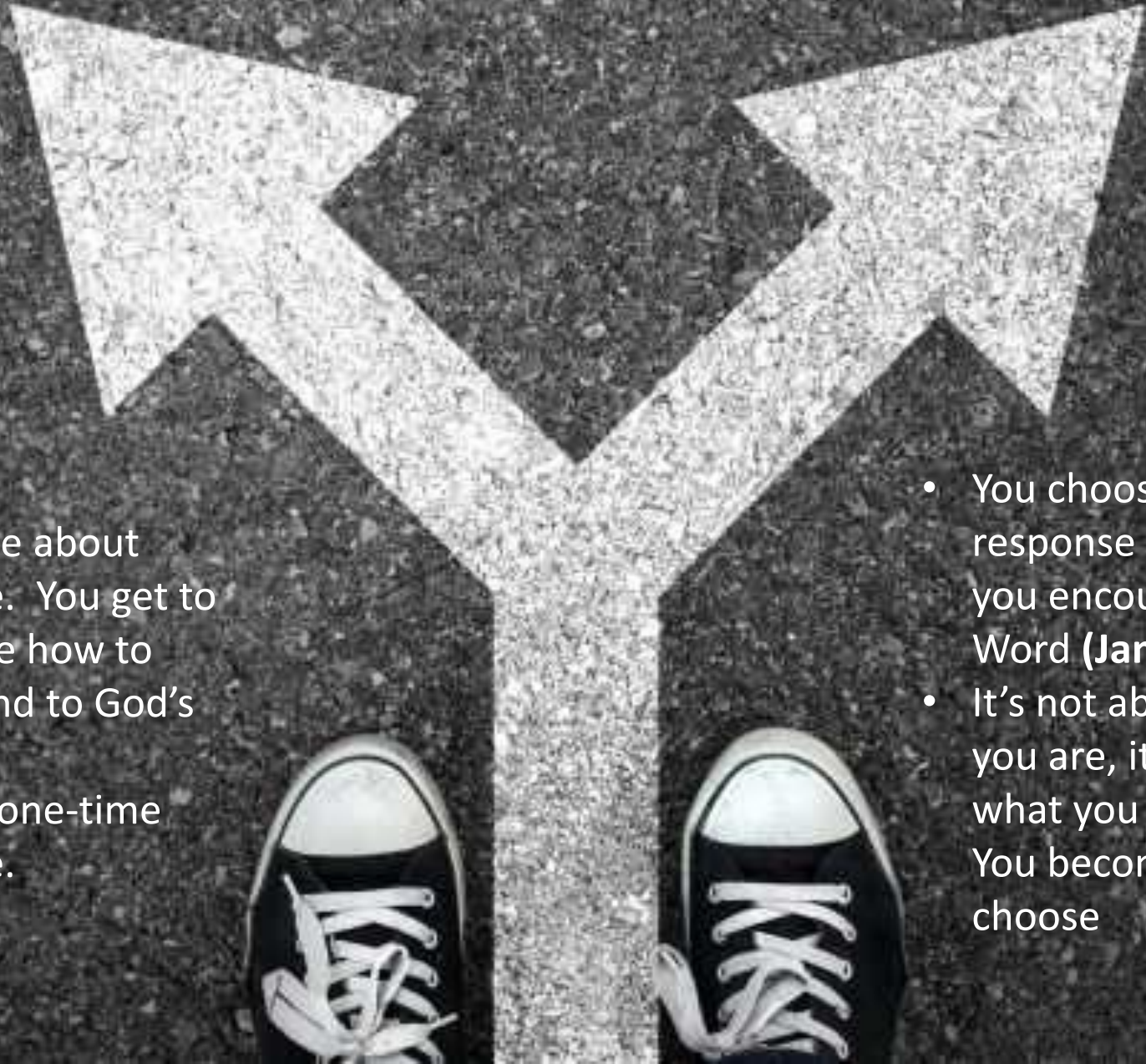
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- Parable delivered to the multitude, not disciples. Must be a message for the multitude

- If not a message for sowers, must be teaching a lesson to the soil
- “You will all respond differently to the gospel” doesn’t teach anything

# Parable of Choices (Luke 8:4-15)



- Parable about choice. You get to choose how to respond to God's Word.
- Not a one-time choice.

- You choose your response every time you encounter His Word (**Jam. 1:21-25**)
- It's not about who you are, it is about what you choose. You become what you choose

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of parched, cracked brown soil. In the upper left corner, there is a small, vibrant green plant with several leaves, providing a stark contrast to the dry earth.

## What happened to the Young Prophet? (1 Kings 13:1-24)

- God sent him Word: Send a message to Jeroboam, do not eat or drink, or return the same way (1-3, 9)

- Jeroboam offers food and he refuses: Good soil! (7-10)
- Old Prophet offers food and he refuses: Good soil! (15-17)
- The Old Prophet's lie doesn't change God's Word, but the Young Prophet chooses to reject the Word in favor of the cares of this world: Bad soil! (18-19)

No growth and no fruit without the seed

- Need to encounter Word constantly. More encounter is more opportunity to choose to be good soil and bear fruit (**Deut 11:18-20**)
- Bring Word into life constantly because sometimes haven't prepared heart/soil to hear truth from His Word (**Deut 31:19-21**)



# Why do you choose to be bad soil?



- Don't want to hear what God is trying to tell you right now and choose not to understand (**Matt 13:19**). Can always find a way and reason not to understand even plain truths

- Not committed to doing what God's Word requires. Not willing to give up everything (**Luke 14:33**). As precious as you find relationship with God now, eventually God will call for sacrifice don't want to give (Rich young ruler)

- Choose this world over God's Word. Choose to believe will be better off serving your desires over God's (**Deut 8:3**). Weeds creep in and must be vigilant

Bad News: No matter how you've chosen to respond to God's Word in the past, you can make a different choice



- Solomon (**1 Kings 11:1-13**)
  - Sought God and filled with wisdom
  - Didn't lose wisdom but chose to respond to his wives over God's Word late in life



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- Joash (2 Chron 24:15-22)
  - Sought God during days of Jehoida and rebuilt temple
  - God's Word didn't change, but chose to listen to princes instead of God's Word

Good News: No matter how you've chosen to respond to God's Word in the past, you can make a different choice



- Manasseh (2 Chron 33:1-17)
  - Wicked king served idols in temple and would not listen to God (10)
  - Chose to humble himself to God's Word and become good soil and removed idols

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- Saul of Tarsus (**Acts 19:1-19**)
  - Persecuted church established by God. God's Word was intended to bring him to Christ (**Gal 3:24**) but he chose to be bad soil that opposed God
  - Chose to hear and respond to God's Word and then prove from same scriptures Jesus is the Christ (**Acts 17:2-3**)

For they shall break forth into  
You waste places of Jerusalem,  
For the LORD has redeemed  
He has redeemed Jerusalem;  
For the LORD has made bare His  
In the eyes of the ends of the earth,  
And all the nations shall see  
The salvation of our God.

9 <sup>a</sup>Depart! Depart! Go out from there,  
Go out from the midst of her,  
Touch no unclean thing;  
You who bear the vessels of the LORD,  
10 For <sup>a</sup>you shall not go out with haste,  
Nor go by flight;  
For the LORD will be before you,  
And the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

### The Sin-Bearing Servant

11 Behold, <sup>a</sup>My Servant shall <sup>2</sup>deal prudently,  
He shall be exalted and <sup>2</sup>extolled,  
and be very high.  
Just as many were astonished at you,  
And His form more than the sons of men;  
12 So shall He <sup>1</sup>sprinkle many nations;  
Kings shall shut their mouths at Him;  
For <sup>b</sup>what had not been told them they shall see,  
And what they had not heard they shall consider.

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1 who <sup>a</sup>has believed our report?  
And to whom has the arm of the  
LORD been revealed?  
2 For He shall grow up before  
Him as a tender plant,  
And as a root out of dry ground.  
He has no <sup>1</sup>form or <sup>2</sup>comeliness;  
And when we see Him,  
There is no <sup>3</sup>beauty that we should desire Him,  
3 <sup>a</sup>He is despised and <sup>1</sup>rejected by men,  
A Man of <sup>2</sup>sorrows and <sup>b</sup>acquainted with <sup>2</sup>grief,  
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him;  
He was despised, and <sup>c</sup>we did not esteem Him.


52:10 Psa. 98:1-3  
1 Luke 3:6  
revealed His  
power  
52:11 Ps. 48:20;  
Jer. 50:8; Zech.  
2:9; 7:2; Cor. 4:9  
1 Lev. 22:2; [6:15f]  
52:12 Ex. 12:1; 33;  
Deut. 16:3  
1 Mic. 2:13  
Ex. 16:9, 20;  
Is. 58:8  
52:13 [15: 12-21  
1 Ps. 27:15]; Phil. 2:9  
prosper  
1 Lit. be lifted up  
52:14 Ps. 22:6;  
7; Matt. 26:67;  
27:30; John 19:3  
appearance  
52:15 Num. 19:18-  
21; Ezek. 36:25  
1 Rom. 15:21; Eph.  
5:5; 6:1; Pet. 1:12  
Or startle  
53:1 John 12:38;  
Rom. 10:16  
53:2 Stately form  
2 Splendor  
3 Lit. appearance  
53:3 Ps. 22:6; [15:  
49:7; Mat. 27:30;  
3; Luke 18:31-33;  
23:18]  
1 [Heb. 4:15]  
2 [Gom. 1:10, 11]  
Or forsooken  
3 Lit. pains  
1 Lit. sickness

And he who is  
For the transgression  
people He was stricken  
For they made His death  
But with the rich at His death  
Because He had done no violence  
Nor was any <sup>a</sup>deceit in His mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him;  
He has put Him to grief.  
When you make His soul <sup>a</sup>an offering for sin,  
He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days,  
And the pleasure of the LORD shall  
prosper in His hand.  
11 He shall see the labor of His  
soul, and be satisfied.  
By His knowledge <sup>a</sup>My righteous  
servant shall <sup>2</sup>justify many.  
For He shall bear their iniquities.  
12 Therefore I will divide Him a  
portion with the great,  
And He shall divide the <sup>3</sup>spoils with  
And He shall divide out His soul  
Because He <sup>4</sup>poured out His soul  
And He bore the sin of many  
And <sup>a</sup>made intercession

Evangelistic Message?

- You can never tell what soil anyone will choose to be this time
- Must be tireless in presenting God's Word, because maybe they will be good soil THIS time (2 Tim 4:2)

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- God demands and deserves fruitfulness
  - Must choose to be good soil every time encountering His word