

*Welcome To:.....*



**A Revolution of LOVE**

*Katalyst Church*

“Cursed is the one who trusts in man,  
who draws strength from mere flesh  
and whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> That person will be like a bush in the wastelands;  
they will not see prosperity when it comes.

They will dwell in the parched places of the desert,  
in a salt land where no one lives.

<sup>7</sup> “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,  
whose confidence is in him.

<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:5-8





## **AGRICULTURAL LANGUAGE to explain spiritual truths**

**Flourish - fruit, growth, pruning, blossom, nourish, fertiliser, water, cultivate, feed, sowing, planting, reaping, harvest, compost, Nourishment – seeds, sprout, sapling, roots, foliage, branches, leaves, trunk. Resilience, canopy, shelter, strength, greenery, life.**

“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Matthew 13: 3-8

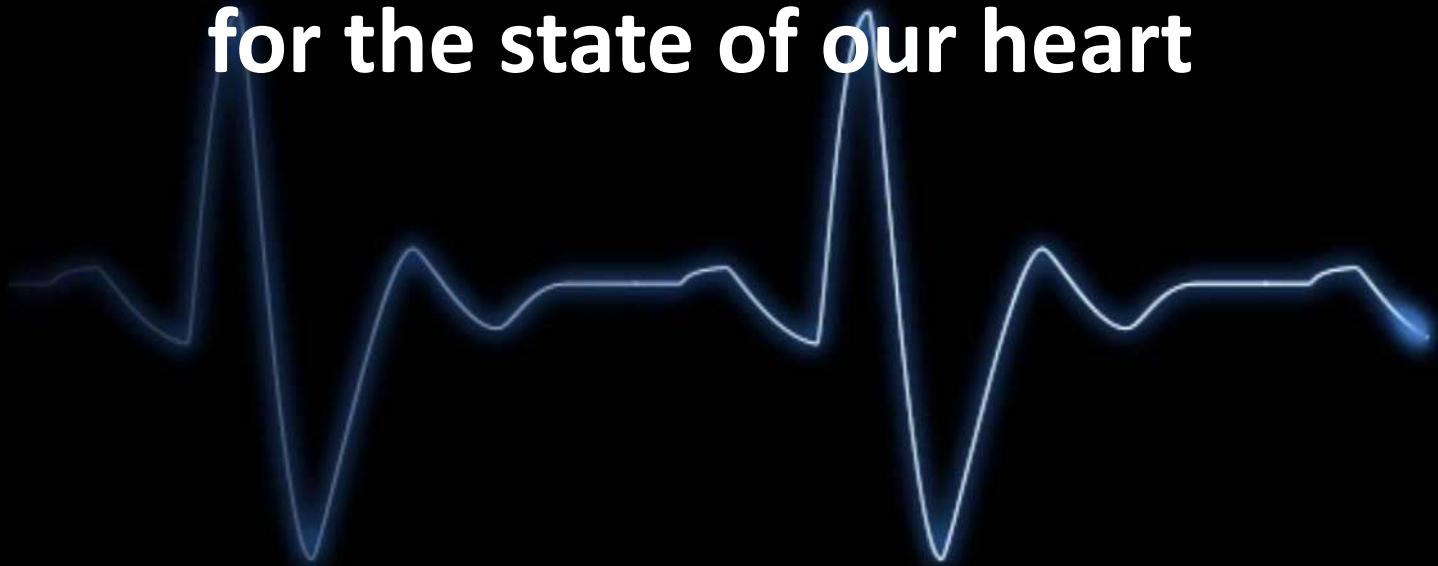


The heavy emphasis of the parable is sowing in good soil!  
Choose the wrong soil and germination (growth) is either impossible,  
short lived, stunted or choked by weeds.

The whole exercise of spreading the Gospel or as a larger life principle  
of generating a thriving spiritual walk is all contingent on

**Quality of the soil**

**Quality of the soil is an analogy  
for the state of our heart**



If we are setting out to have a year where we thrive  
everything we endeavour to do will be determined  
by our heart condition

Above all else, guard your heart,  
for everything you do flows from it.

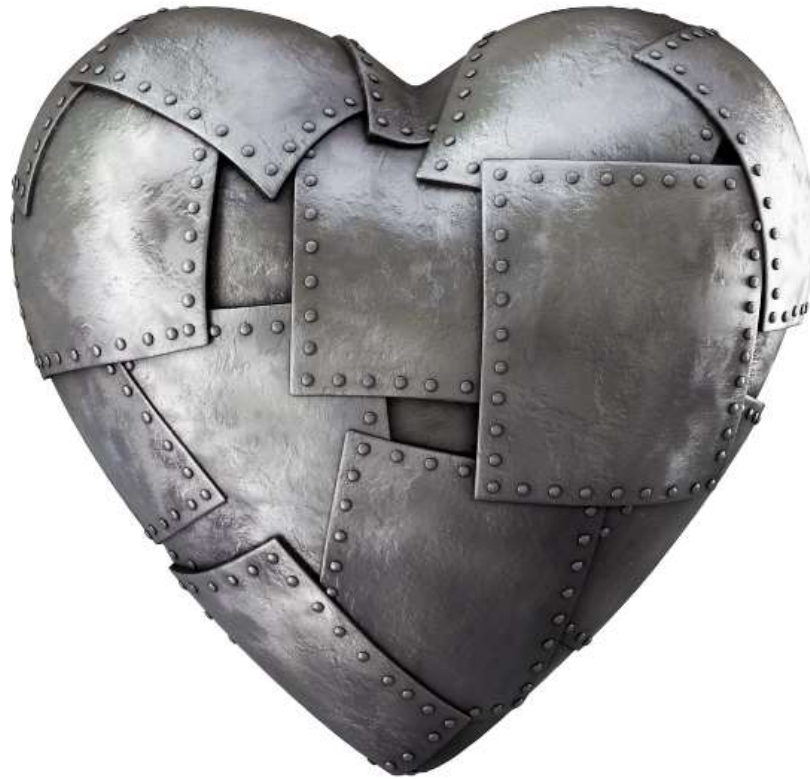
Proverbs 4:23



**Survive & Thrive**

**Start with the heart**

**Hard Heart – Seed on the path  
Wounded Heart – Shallow Soil  
Worldly Heart – Choked by the weeds  
Soft Heart – Roots sprout**



**This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and Jerusalem:  
"Plow up the hard ground of your hearts! Do not waste your good seed among  
thorns. Jeremiah 4:3**

**Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**



**THRIVE**

*Don't Just Survive!* **CHOOSE TO THRIVE**

**This is Gods written guarantee that you can and will flourish**

## **God cannot be mocked**

**The rules of the game are set in His Word**

**If we sow in the flesh we will reap destruction  
there is no other outcome**

**If we sow in the Spirit we will reap eternal life  
and at the proper time reap a harvest  
there can be no other outcome.**

**Sowing/reaping is based on the certainty of time  
and the propagation (spread) of what we sow.**

**If you sow Tomato seeds you reap Tomatoes?**

**Tilling the fallow ground is hard work  
but once the soil is broken it is easy to manipulate**

**If we are going to THRIVE we need our hearts to be  
fertile ground that God can plant into easily  
Ground that we cultivate/dig/hoe/rake/plough**

**By not becoming weary and seeking after the things  
which will ensure and aid our spiritual growth**





# Good soil and sowing good of seed

**Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7**

# Striving or Thriving?



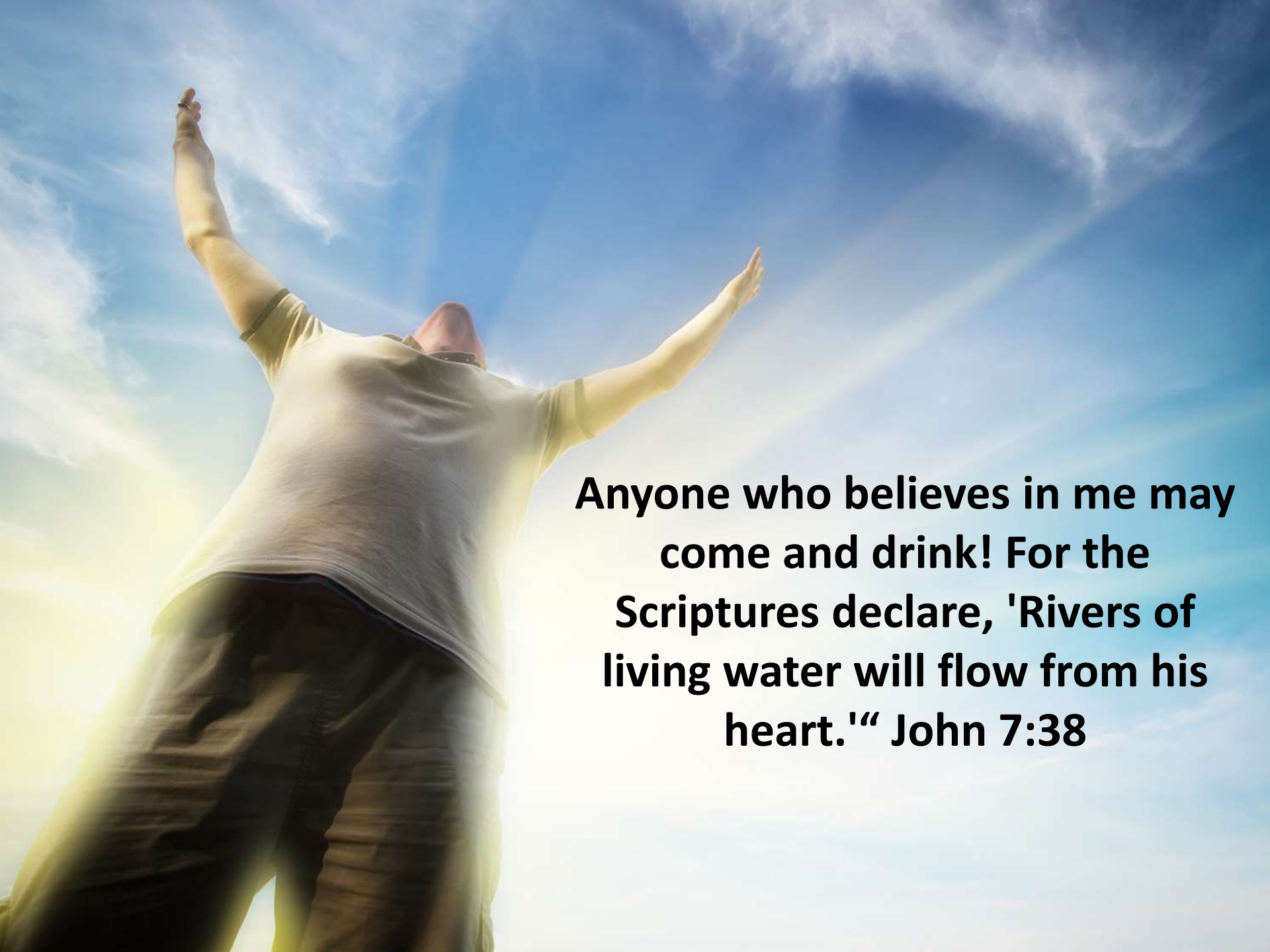
**We need: Living water of the Holy Spirit**  
**We need: Rain to fall on our hearts**



**We need: The Spirits life giving presence/power**

Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunder storms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

Zechariah 10:1



**Anyone who believes in me may  
come and drink! For the  
Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of  
living water will flow from his  
heart.'" John 7:38**

There is spiritual work that we must do to reap the fullness of a righteous life

We till our hearts, pursue spiritual disciplines and position ourselves to grow, but we ONLY do that after the initial rains have soaked the soil.

To plant without rain will result in a stunted crop – Dry, barren, parched.

We need the initial rain of the Holy Spirits anointing and out of that saturation rivers of living water flow to sustain our faith life and to make it vibrant

We constantly draw from the presence of the Spirit in our lives to drench our lives so that worship, prayer and scripture are all flowing out of the dynamic of the Holy Spirits presence overflowing.

**Charismatic** - Magnetic, Compelling, Alluring, Fascinating, Captivating, Charming, Appealing, Enigmatic.

Rain generates life – We NEED LIFE of the SPIRIT

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup> They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. <sup>3</sup> Some men came, bringing to him a paralysed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup> Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Mark 2



" I saw that none could share the "refreshing" unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should therefore be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord. It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church. Every temptation, every opposing influence, whether open or secret, may be successfully resisted, "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6).

The latter rain will come, and the blessing of God will fill every soul that is purified from every defilement. It is our work today to yield our souls to Christ, that we may be fitted for the time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord--fitted for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. When the churches become living, working churches, the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere request. . . . **Then** the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of **the latter rain**.