



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

**deeper discipleship**



# SEED AND SOILS



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1 He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land. 2 And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching, 3 “Listen to this! Behold, the sower went out to



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sow; 4 as he was sowing, some seed fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Other seed fell on the rocky ground where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil. 6 And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.

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7 Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 Other seeds fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold.” 9 And He was saying, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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**10** As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, began asking Him about the parables. **11** And He was saying to them, “To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables, **12** so



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that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.”



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**13** And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables? **14** The sower sows the word. **15** These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in



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them. **16** In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; **17** and they have no firm root in themselves, but are only temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall

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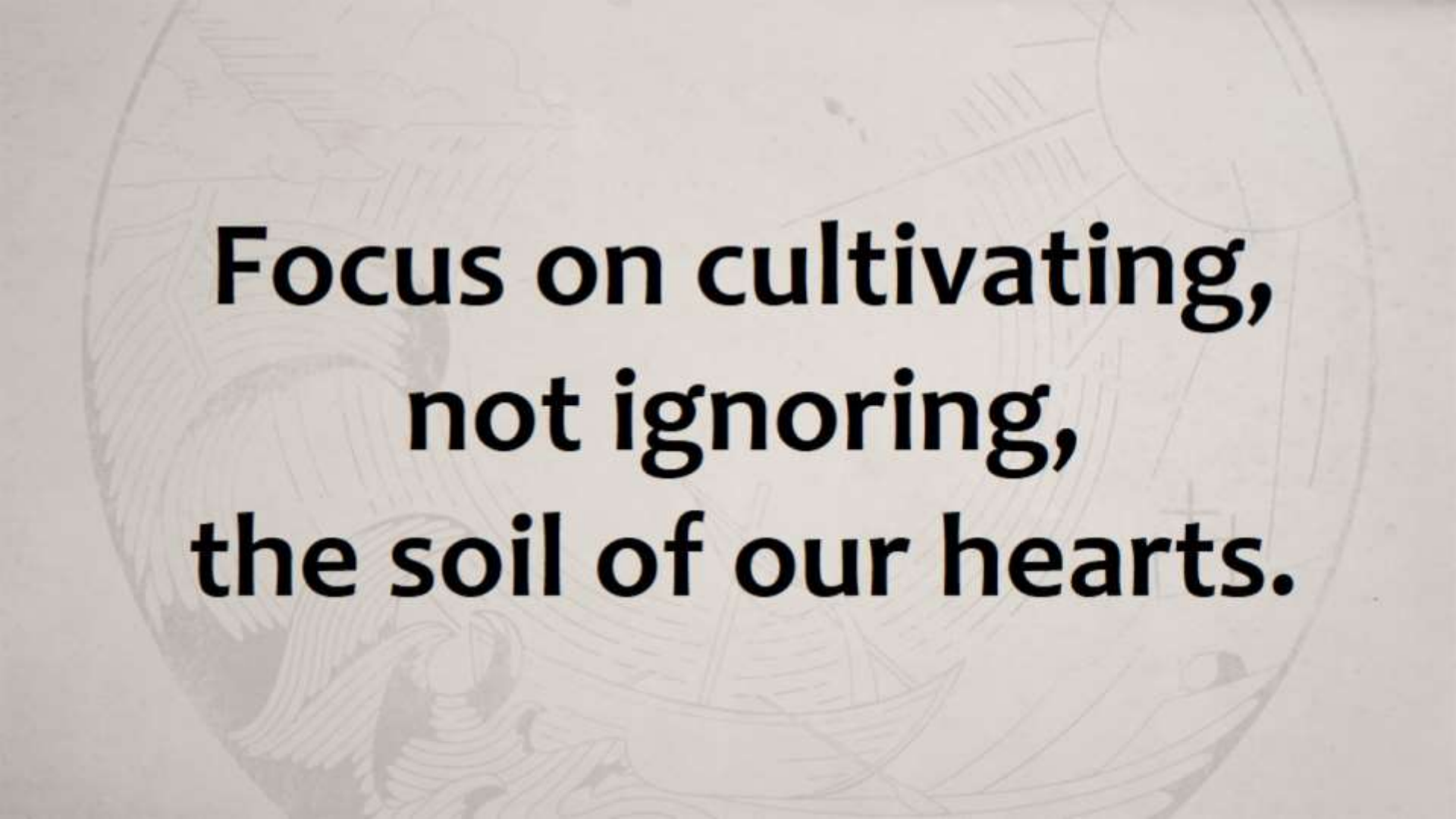
away. **18** And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, **19** but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. **20** And those are the ones on whom seed was

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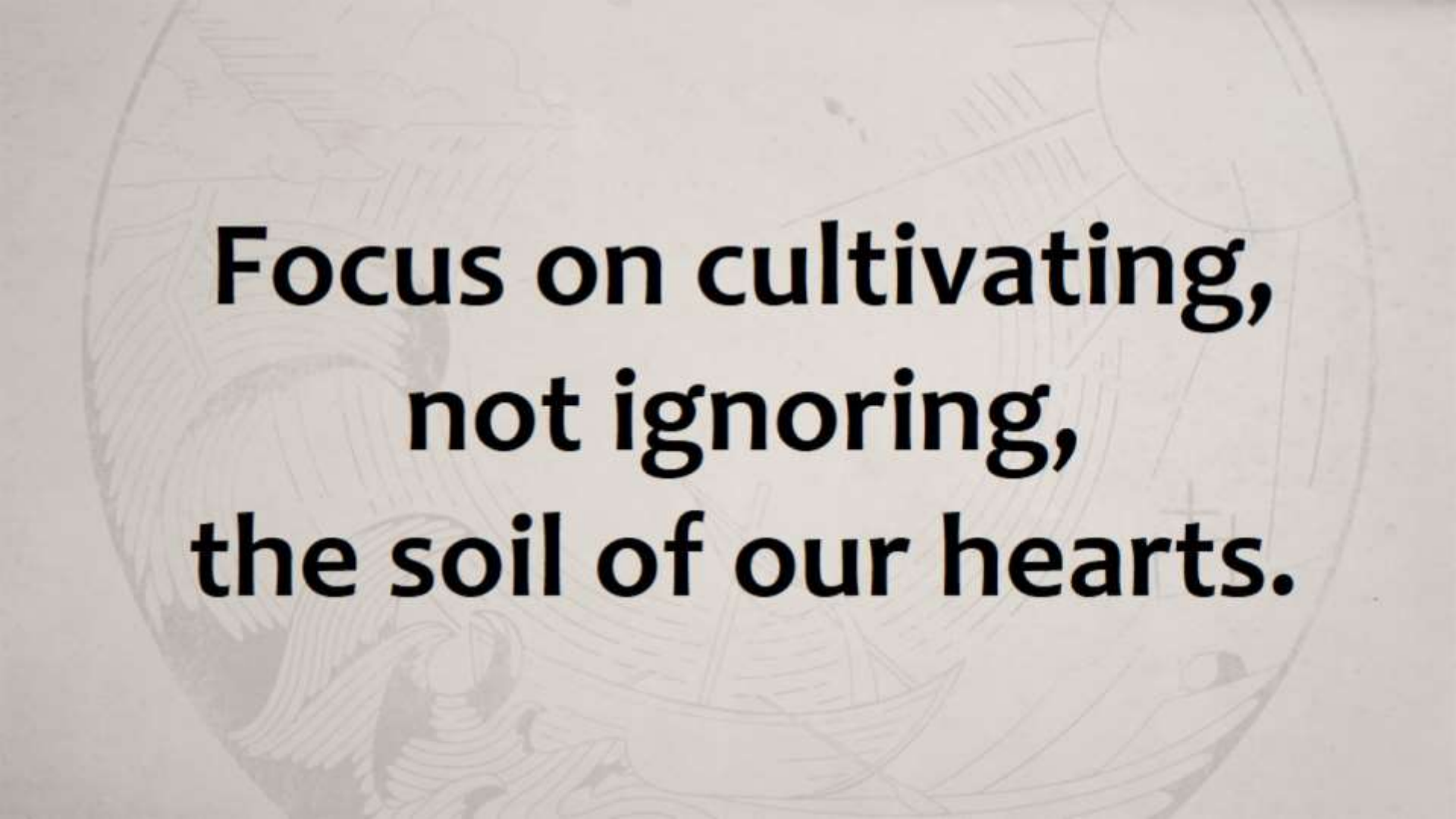


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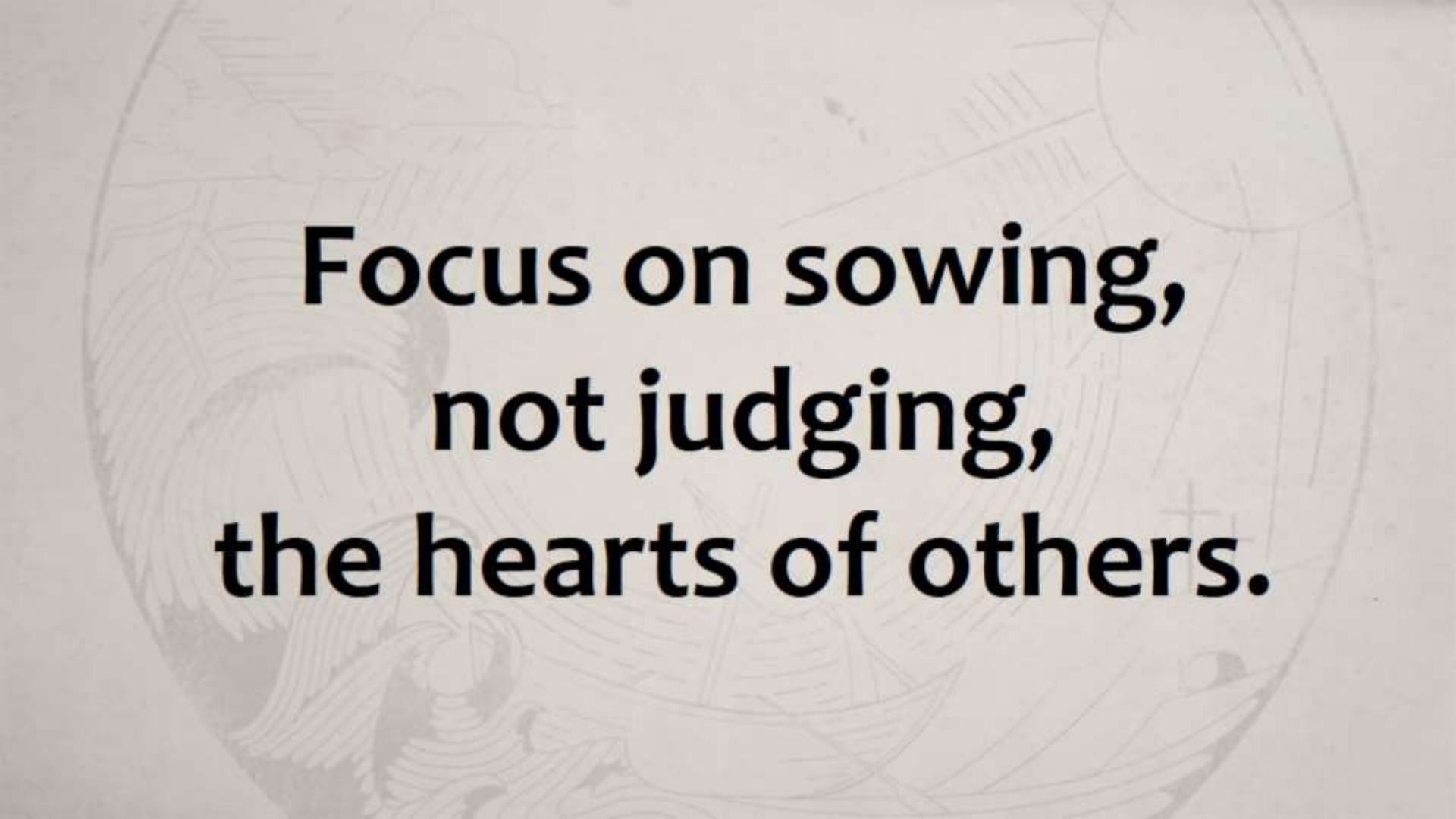
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