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Upside Down Kingdom

Matthew 13:1-23

Why did Jesus communicate with Parables

1. To give believers a gift (Matthew 13:11-12, 16-17)
2. Communicate Truth to Unbelievers (Matthew 13:12 b-13, NLT)
3. Fulfill Prophecy (Matthew 13:14-15 NLT)

Four heart responses to God's Word

1. The Path – A Hardened Heart (Matthew 13:4, 19 NLT)
2. Rocky Ground – A Shallow Heart (Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21)
3. Among Thorns – A Divided Heart (Matthew 13:7, 22, NLT)
4. Good Soil – A Receptive Heart (Matthew 13:8, 23 NLT)

Possible Next Steps

1. Reflect on any hardness, shallowness, or thorns that are impacting your walk with God.
2. Ask God to till your heart—to remove hardness, shallow roots, and thorns.
3. Get into God's Word with a receptive heart.
4. Be a seed spreader.