



All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. Hebrews 11:13

● ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ● ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ● ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” Matthew 13:19-23

Four Reasons People Lose Faith:

1. When you notice an irreconcilable difference between what Christians _____ to believe and how they actually _____.

*¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.** For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2*

2. When you observe apparent _____ or flaws in the teachings of Christianity. *Matt. 13:19*

3. When you encounter _____ that go against your idea of who God should be and what He should do. *Matt. 13:20*

4. When you embrace a _____ that is incompatible with your belief system. *Matt. 13:22*

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Proverbs 18:24

Next Steps for More Faith - Week #3:

- Pray that your Christian “circle” will stay strong in their faith.
- Pray for those you know who have lost faith to be restored.
- Believe God for something bigger than you think possible.