



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. God is our source

Romans 15:13 (NLT) I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

B. Crazy scared

- Fear has a source

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT) “For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”

- An assignment *to corrupt faith* - fear and faith operate by the same principles
- An agenda - *to control your heart*

C. Thought → Argument → Pretension → Stronghold → Fruit

II. CRAZY SEEDS

A. The parable of the sower (Mark 4)

Mark 4:26-28 (NLT) Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens.

- The soil provides the environment, the seed provides the harvest
- The heart isn’t the problem — what we plant there is.

B. Four kinds of Soil

- **Some seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it** - *Satan steals the word that was planted in the heart (thoughts, whispers, crazy loud)*
- **Some seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock, sprouted quickly but wilted under the hot sun** - *Those who have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word (Pain)*
- **Other seed fell among weeds that grew up and choked out the seed** - *cares of this world, deceitfulness of riches, the desires for other things choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful*
- **Good ground – 30, 60, 100** *Those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit*
 - Faith begins when you accept as true the word you’ve heard
 - Fear works the same way

III. CRAZY FRUIT

A. Fear is a seed that produces the fruit of worry, anxiety and control

- Worry (lives in the imagination), Anxiety (lives in the nervous system), Control (lives in our decisions), but they all started as a seed called fear



B. Worry happens in your mind, it's divided attention

- Worry in the Greek: *merimnaō* to divide, pull apart, distract, fragment
- English word **worry** comes from Old German: **Wurgen** "to choke or strangle"

C. Anxiety happens in your body, it's divided trust

- Same Greek family: **merimna**, **merizō** - To divide the mind, becomes fragmented, dis-integrated
- This is your soul saying: You're carrying something you weren't built to carry"

Psalm 34:4 (NLT) I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me. He freed me from all my fears.

D. Control happens in your behavior

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT) Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

IV. THE BATTLE

A. Driven and tossed

James 1:6, 8 (NKJV) But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind... *he is* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The Greek word for *double-minded* is: **dipsychos**, two-souled, pulled between two realities, two frames of reference

- When what you know to be true conflicts with what you believe to be true
- Whatever dominates your attention will eventually determine your direction

B. Three truths from Matthew 6

- Remember your Identity – You are more valuable (v26)
- Remember the Priority – Put the Kingdom first (v33)
- Re-focus – "Don't worry about tomorrow" (v33)

C. Instead of pulling weeds, start planting seeds

Philippians 1:6 (NLT) And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.