



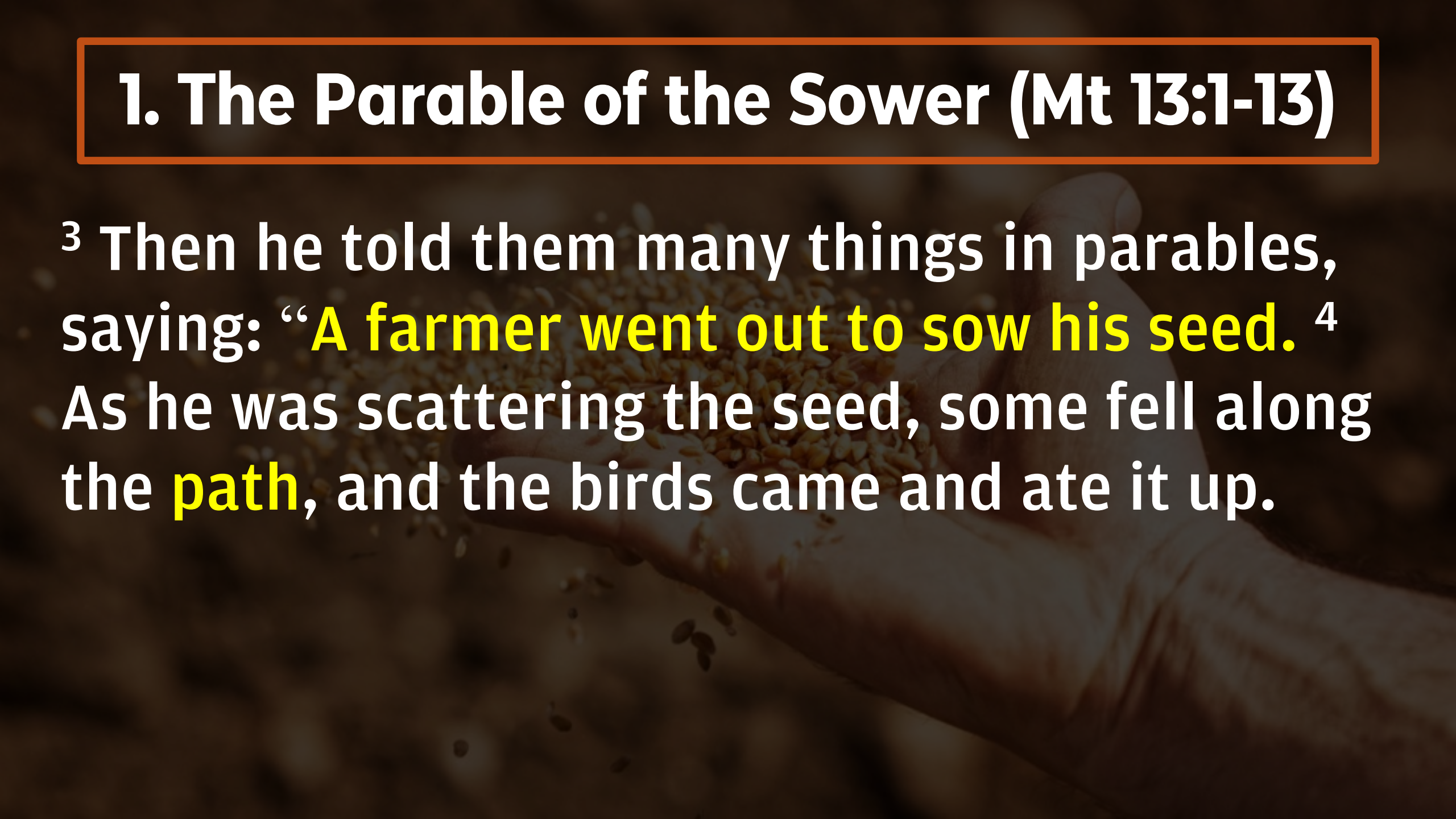
IS YOUR
HEART
RIGHT WITH GOD?

What is a parable?

- **A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson, as told by Jesus in the Gospels. (Oxford Dictionary)**
- **A short story, which is told in order to make a moral or religious point (Collin Dictionary)**
- **A story “cast alongside” a truth in order to illustrate that truth (www.gotquestions.org)**

1. The Parable of the Sower (Mt 13:1-13)

³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “**A farmer went out to sow his seed.** ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the **path**, and the birds came and ate it up.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a large quantity of small, light-colored seeds, likely wheat or barley. The hand is positioned in the center of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled. Some seeds are falling from the hand, creating a trail of seeds in the air. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hand and the seeds.

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⁵ Some fell on **rocky places**, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

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⁷ Other seed fell **among thorns**, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on **good soil**, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ **Whoever has ears, let them hear.**”

1. The Parable of the Sower (Mt 13:1-13)

¹⁰ The disciples came to him and asked,
“**Why do you speak to the people in parables?**”
¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them.”

1. The Parable of the Sower (Mt 13:1-13)

¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables: “Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand.”

The Parable of the Sower Explained (Mt 13:18-23)

¹⁸ “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 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**.

The Parable of the Sower Explained (Mt 13:18-23)

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.**

The Parable of the Sower Explained (Mt 13:18-23)

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.



PATH / ROAD:
Hardened Heart



ROCKY GROUND
Superficial Heart



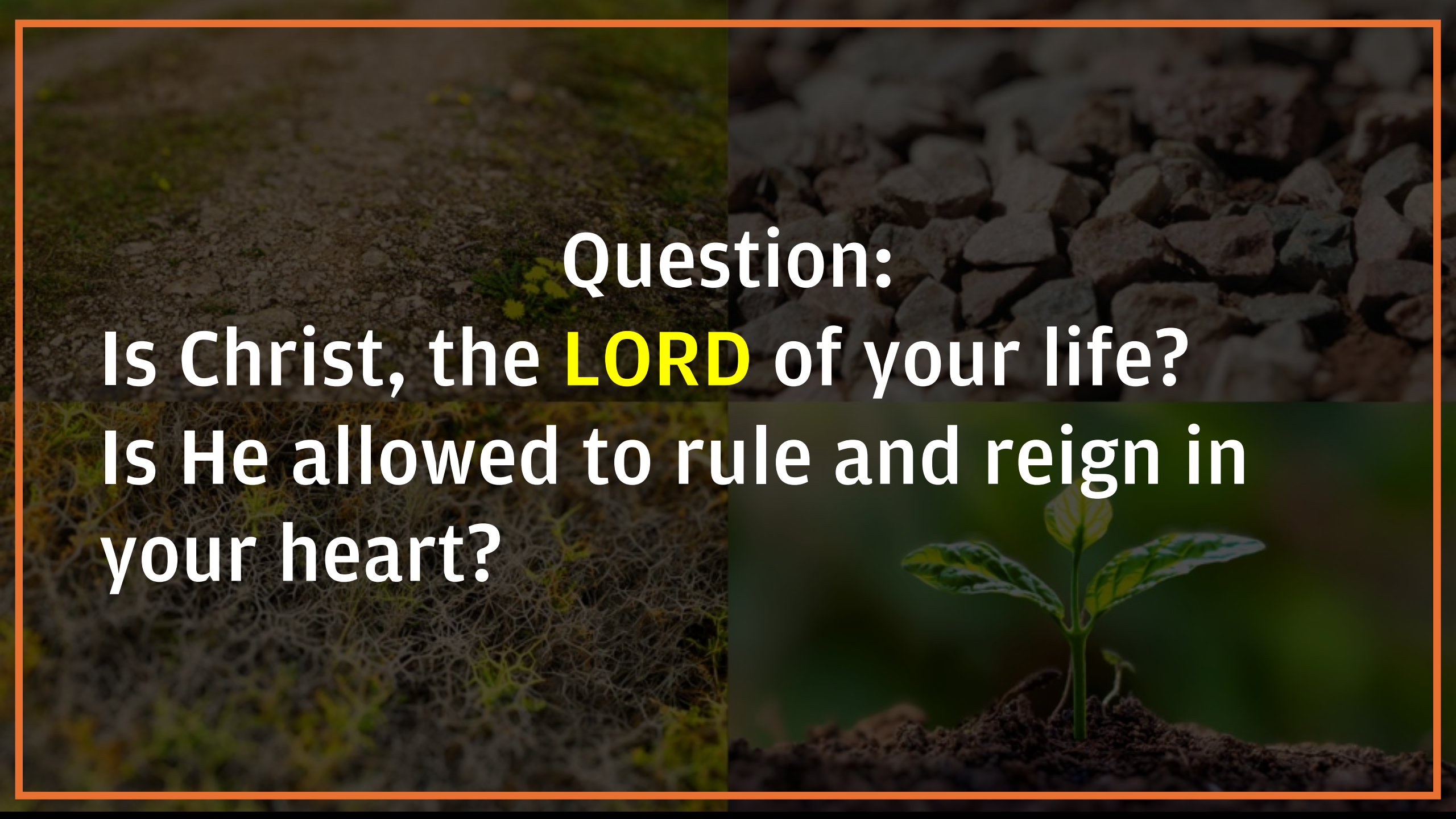
THORNY AREA
Unstable /
Half-hearted Heart



GOOD SOIL
Willing /
Committed Heart

Question:
Is your heart the good ground/soil?

Make sure your heart is that of the **Good Soil**
– hear, understand, embrace,
live it out, bear fruit.



Question:
Is Christ, the **LORD** of your life?
Is He allowed to rule and reign in
your heart?

2. The Parable of the Weeds (Mt. 13:24-29; 36-43)

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

2. The Parable of the Weeds (Mt. 13:24-29; 36-43)

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’”

2. The Parable of the Weeds (Mt. 13:24-29; 36-43)

29 “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

The Parable of the Weeds Explained (Mt 13:36-43)

“The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

The Parable of the Weeds Explained (Mt 13:36-43)

⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

The Parable of the Weeds Explained (Mt 13:36-43)

⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. **Whoever has ears, let them hear.**

Weeds = Evil People

Good Seed = God's People

Good and evil will co-exist until the return of Christ and the eventual judgement.

Jesus said, “If you love me,
obey my commands.”

John 14:15

Whoever has my commands and **keeps** them is
the one who loves me. The one who loves me
will be loved by my Father, and I too will love
them and show myself to them.

John 14:21

3. The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Mt 13:31-32)

³¹ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

A large, mature tree with a thick trunk and a wide, spreading canopy of green leaves stands on a grassy hill. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. The entire image is framed by a thin pink border.

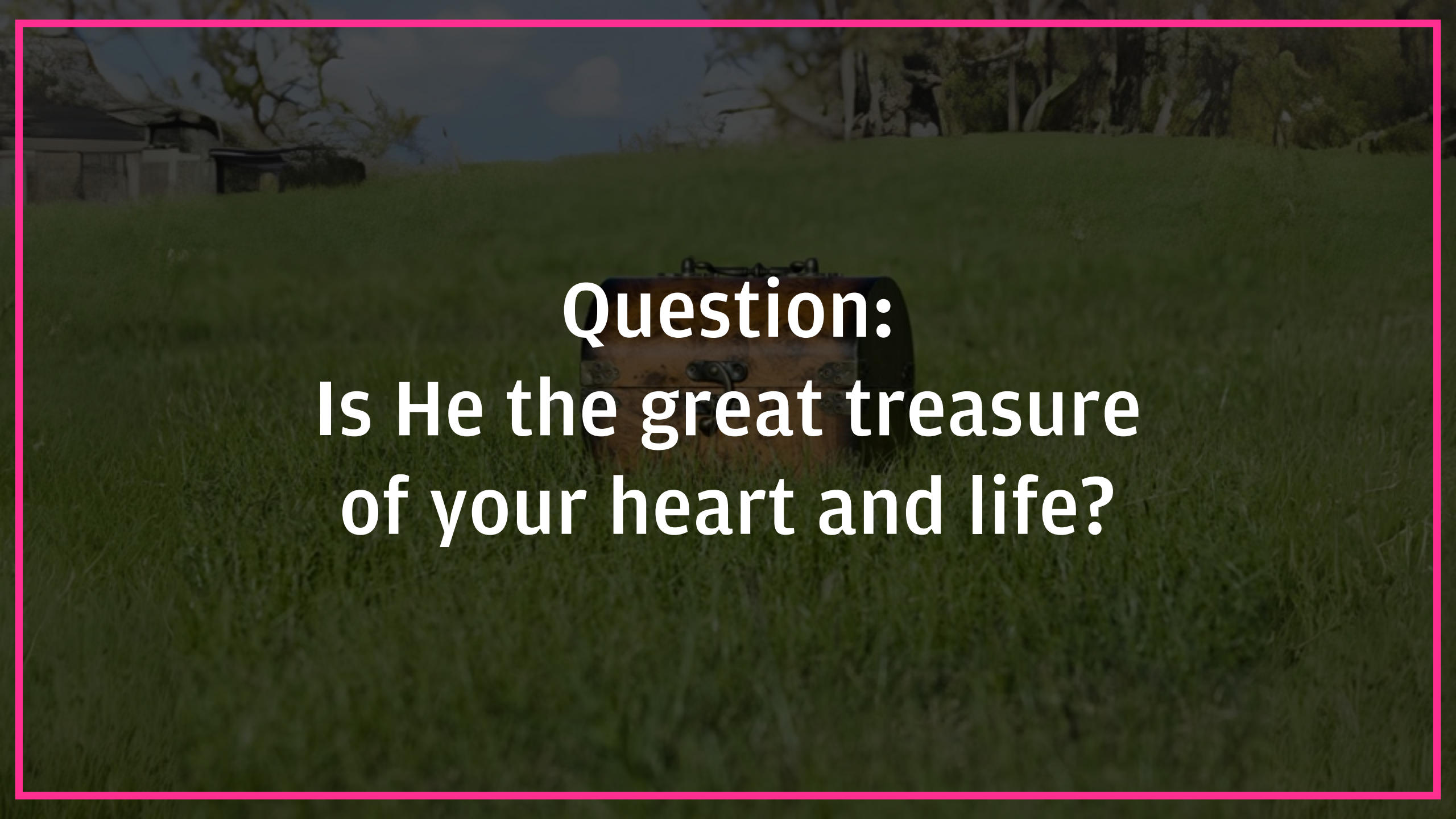
**Question:
Is faith growing in your heart?**

4. The Parable of the Yeast (Mt 13:33)

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.”

5. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Mt 13:44)

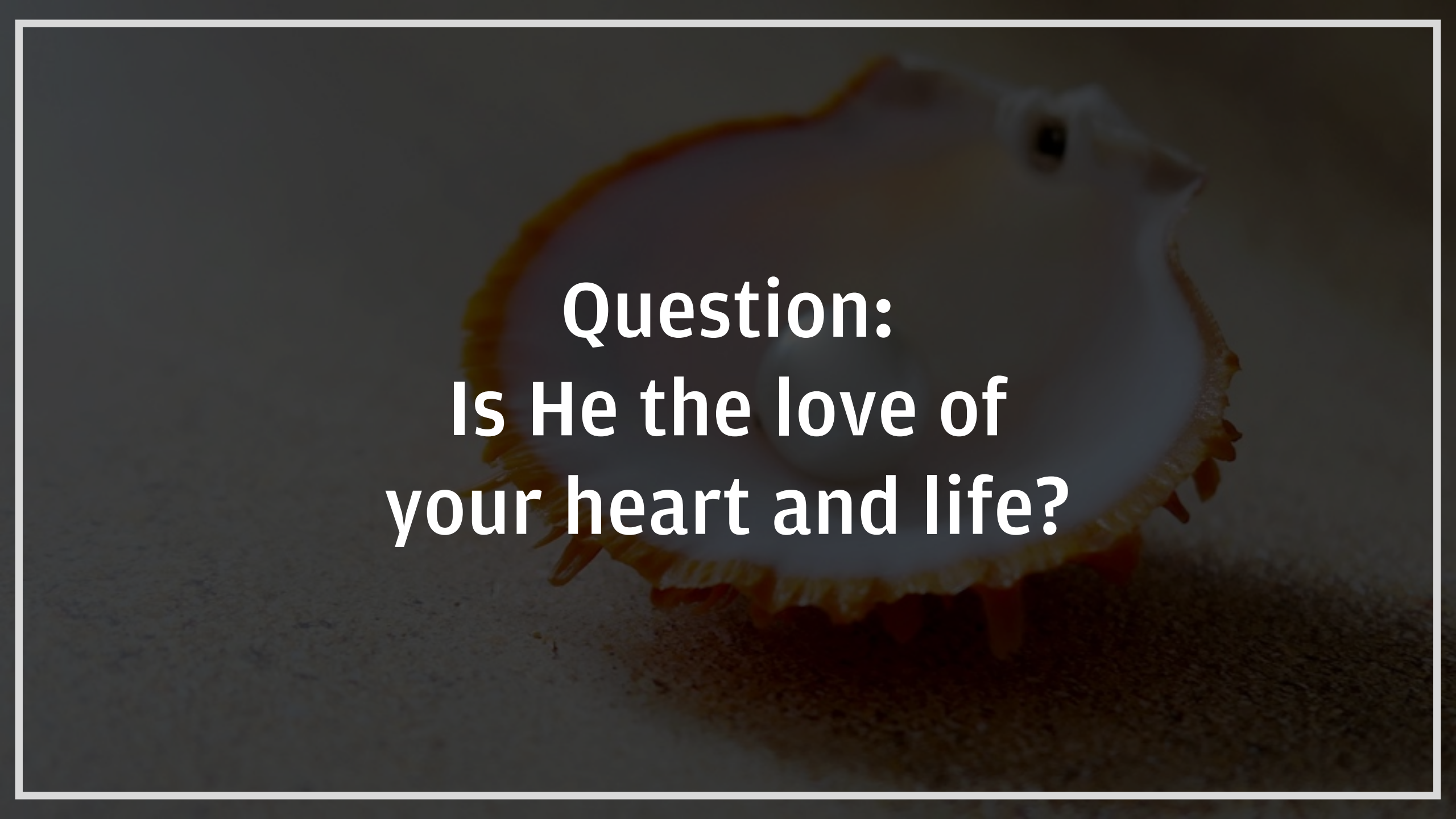
The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a field with a wooden chest in the center, overlaid with white text. The background shows a grassy field with trees and a building in the distance, all in a dark, muted color palette. The text is centered and reads:

**Question:
Is He the great treasure
of your heart and life?**

6. The Parable of the Pearl (Mt 13:45-46)

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

A white dove is perched inside a large, light-colored seashell on a sandy beach. The scene is captured in a dark, moody setting, possibly at dusk or dawn, with the background being a dark, textured surface. The dove is facing right, and its white feathers contrast sharply with the darker surroundings. The seashell is positioned centrally, framing the dove.

**Question:
Is He the love of
your heart and life?**

7. The Parable of the Net (Mt 13:47-51)

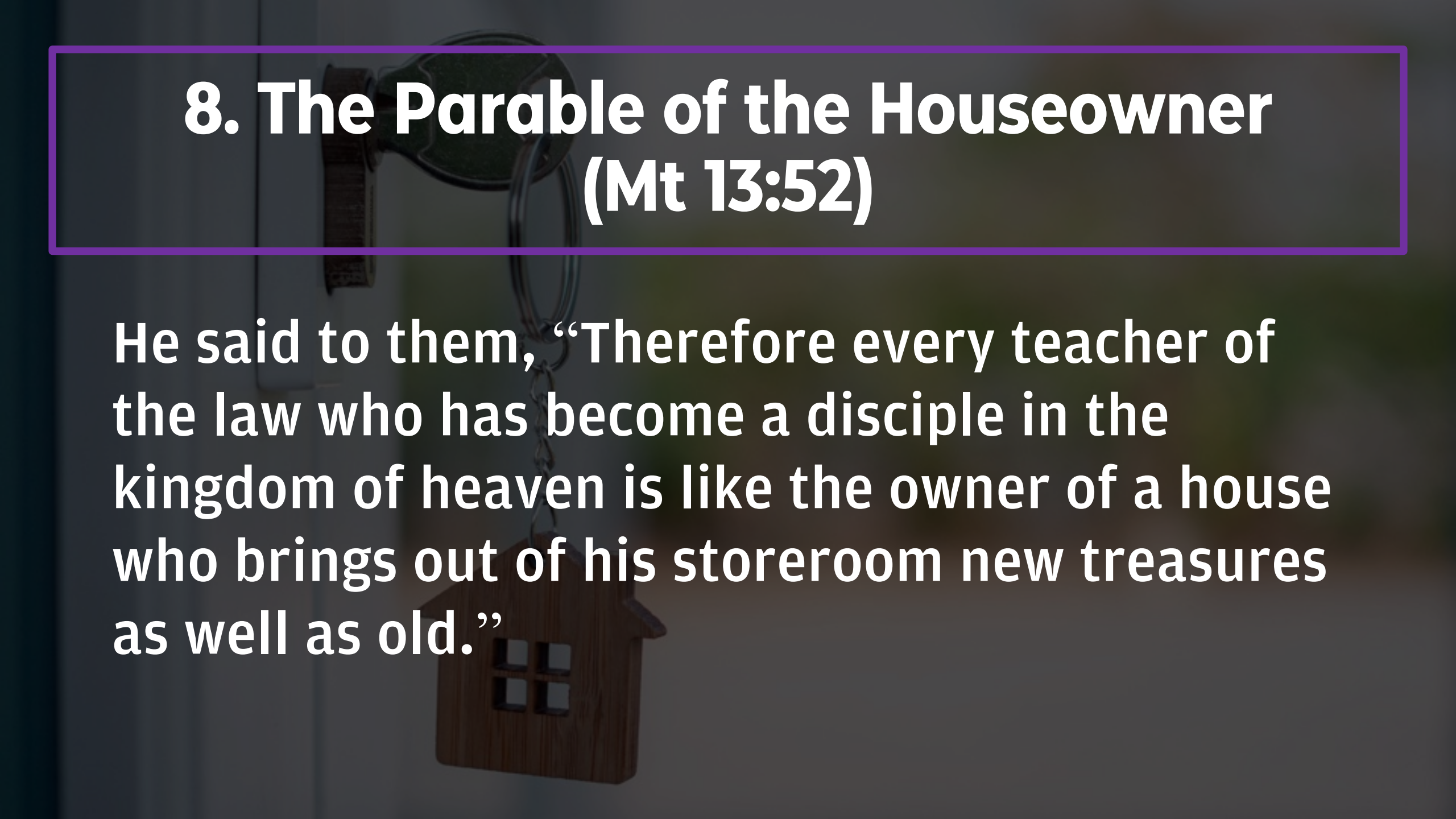
47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

7. The Parable of the Net (Mt 13:47-51)

49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

A dark, moody photograph of several fish caught in a net, with a yellow border around the image. The fish are silvery and appear to be struggling within the mesh. The background is a deep, dark blue or black, suggesting an underwater or night-time setting. The overall tone is somber and contemplative.

Question:
Is your heart right with God today?

A pair of keys with a wooden house-shaped keychain hanging from them. The keys are dark and the house is light brown with a window cutout. The background is a dark, textured surface.

8. The Parable of the Houseowner (Mt 13:52)

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

A wooden keychain is centered in the background. It features a circular ring at the top, a small wooden house-shaped charm with a window cutout, and a dark leather strap. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Question:

**Is your heart filled with timeless and
unchangeable truths, principles,
instructions, and revelations of God?**

Is your heart at peace with God?

CHALLENGE

Is your heart right with God?

Are you sure you belong to Him and His kingdom?

When separation comes, will you be on His side?