ROOTED & BUILT IN CHRIST ~ ESTABLISHED IN THE FAITH

***Colossians 2:****6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7* ***Rooted and built up in him****, and* ***stablished in the faith****, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

We understand the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13 gives a one fourth harvest retention rate. But do we realize the devil’s attacks were against all 4 ground types? The ‘*Good Ground’* person is the soul who overcame fleshly temptations, demonic/spiritual attacks, and was carefully grounded in fullness of God’s Word.

We must become increasingly aware that the moment a soul enters our places of worship, the relentless onslaught of Satan’s attacks begins. We must also involve ourselves even more so to help protect, equip, and establish every soul. Below are the hinderances we must pray against as well as make sure we’re providing all things necessary for all ground types to become the *GOOD GROUND* soul that God intends them to be.

# Hinderance 1. Way Side. DEMONIC INTERVENTION / SPIRITUAL ATTACKS

Matt. 13:4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

* Pray for spiritual revelation and understanding of God’s Word upon new souls.
* Pray every tactic of Satan is exposed and thwarted, rendered powerless.
* Pray the Word of God be rooted in their hearts.
* Take time to establish souls. Introduce new souls to a bible study group.
* Assign a prayer partner to new souls.

# Hinderance 2. Stony Ground. A LACK OF FOUNDATION

Matt. 13:5 Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

* Pray the joy of the Lord remain steadfast through every trial or tribulation.
* Pray that their faith not fail.
* Pray they gain spiritual wisdom and understanding to hold fast to Christ above every trial.
* Pray that they endure hardness as good soldiers.
* Pray their courage be strong. Pray against fear and defeat.
* Pray they hold on to the hope we have in Christ.
* Pray against being easily offended.
* Become tangible/accessible. Loneliness leads to departure.
* Become good listeners. They need to know you understand and care.
* Become aware of struggling souls. Encourage them via cards, phone calls.
* Help them understand you care. Help them not give up on Christ or the Church.

# Hinderance 3. Thorny Ground. CARES OF LIFE

Matt. 13:7 And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

* Pray souls understand the importance of being focused on their spiritual destinies.
* Pray the love of God and the fear of God be strong in their hearts.
* Pray against spiritual and physical distractions.
* Pray against lust of the flesh and the deceitfulness of riches.
* Pray souls become powerful kingdom providers.
* Pray against physical and spiritual overload.
* Help new souls understand how to balance life and church.
* Help them understand the value of their souls in the eyes of eternity.
* Help them understand the pitfalls of greed, selfishness, pride, etc.

# Successes. Good Ground. STEADFAST, UNMOVEABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING

Matt. 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

* Pray over all who are rooted, built, and established, in Christ that they remain STEADFAST, UNSHAKABLE, AND ALWAYS ABOUNDING in the work of the Lord. *1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*
* Help souls feel needed. Involve souls in church projects, ministries, groups, etc.
* Help souls feel appreciated. It’s not enough to involve souls, we must also make sure we don’t overwork them or make them feel used.
* Help souls feel respected. Our manor must be that we’re all equal and important in the eyes of God.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS**

* Healing/Recovery: Pray no pestilence or disease come near our dwelling. Pray for an increase in the immune systems of God’s people in our region.
* Comfort: Continue to keep the Logsdon family in your prayers due to the recent passing of Sis. Elaine Logsdon. Pray for the families who’ve lost loved ones due to covid in our region. Pray against vaccination injuries. Pray for those who’ve lost their jobs due to vaccination mandates.
* Restoration: Pray for our wayward family members. Pray they become aware of their rebellion, sin, & spiritual blindness. Pray especially for the younger generation as their being spiritually challenged the most in these days. Pray against every evil spirit behind the sins of 2Tim 3:1-5.
* N.C. District: Pray for additional church plants, ministers, and those with ministries of helps for newly planted churches in N.C.

Please share this prayer agenda with your prayer teams and congregations. If you have an urgent prayer request, please notify us so we can keep everyone informed. Keep me updated of any contact changes you may have at **office@harbor4u.com**.

Thank you!