

# Bible Study



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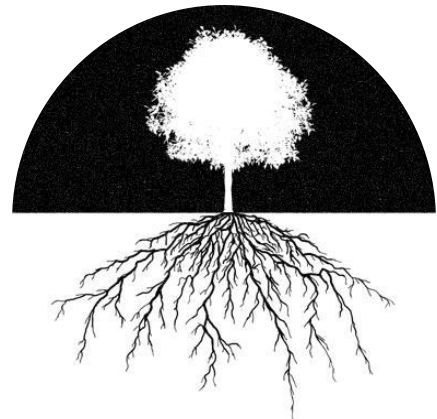
## The Stony Ground

### MATTHEW 13:20-21

But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 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.

1. The stony ground represents a heart that is mostly hardened towards God's Word. Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26; Amos 6:12; Zechariah 7:12
2. The sun represents the normal challenges that are a part of living for Christ. Mark 4:16-17, Luke 8:13

*-The stony ground believer "burns out" somewhere between salvation and discipleship.*



3. In order to endure the difficulties of discipleship, you must allow God's Word to take deep root in your heart.
4. We must anticipate that there will always be people with just enough depth to get saved, but not enough to grow strong in their faith.
5. God's Word can break the stony heart. Jeremiah 32:29

*We should not be content with stony hearts, but rather pray and work for stony hearts to be broken up so that God's Word can take deep root.*