

Day Eleven: Receiving; Receiving the Word

"But he who received seed on good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." Matthew 13:23

Life is busy, and often in all the chaos reading the bible and studying its words can be the last thing on your mind. We often leave it to church services to help us study and receive God's Word.

I think about all the roles I have; spouse, mother, daughter, sister, friend, pastor, student, child of God. With two little ones the chaos and business often starts before my alarm goes off and I think "Oh there goes my time with God..."

I know that the truth is that on those chaotic busy days I need the scripture and God's word more than anything else. Even if it is just a short Psalm or a story I know well. God's Word is active and living and God wants you to receive it and know it.

"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 13:23

When we read God's word and understand it, it will produce fruit in our lives. It will carry us through the business and the chaos. We will be better spouses, parents, friends, siblings, children of God.

All we need to do to receive the Word of God is to find a few minutes in our day to read the Bible and invite the Holy Spirit into our time. God will be faithful and speak to us through the scripture.

"Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years."

Charles Spurgeon