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**TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP****JOIN A SERVE TEAM****NEW HERE ?****CONNECTION CARD****STAY UP TO DATE****SUBSCRIBE TO DIGITAL BULLETIN****Message Series : The Living Word****Message Title : The seed is God's Word****Text : Luke 8:4-15**

What is a seed? It is the **BEGINNING** of something

God's Word is the *beginning* of **TRUTH**

Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, *which is truth.* [ Jn. 17:17 ]

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is **true**, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

[ **Philippians 4:8** ]

**Relative Truth vs. Absolute Truth**

**Relative** = only true in relation to a specific person, culture, time, frame of reference

\* depends on context, perspective, or *personal feeling*

**Absolute** = a fact that is true at all times, in all places, and for all people

\* does not change based on what *a person thinks, feels, or believes*

**4 ways we receive God's Word**

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| 1. We <b>RESIST</b> it   | ... the hard path   |
| 2. We <b>QUESTION</b> it | ... the rocky field |
| 3. We <b>NEGLECT</b> it  | ... the thorns      |
| 4. We <b>GRASP</b> it    | ... the good soil   |

As you think about people that God has placed *in your life* ... for you to plant the truth of God's Word *in their life* ... how can you be most productive ?

1. *Recognize the soil in others*
2. *Plant in the right time and in the right way*
3. *Keep with it*
4. *Don't give up*