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part 4: Hearts that Hear

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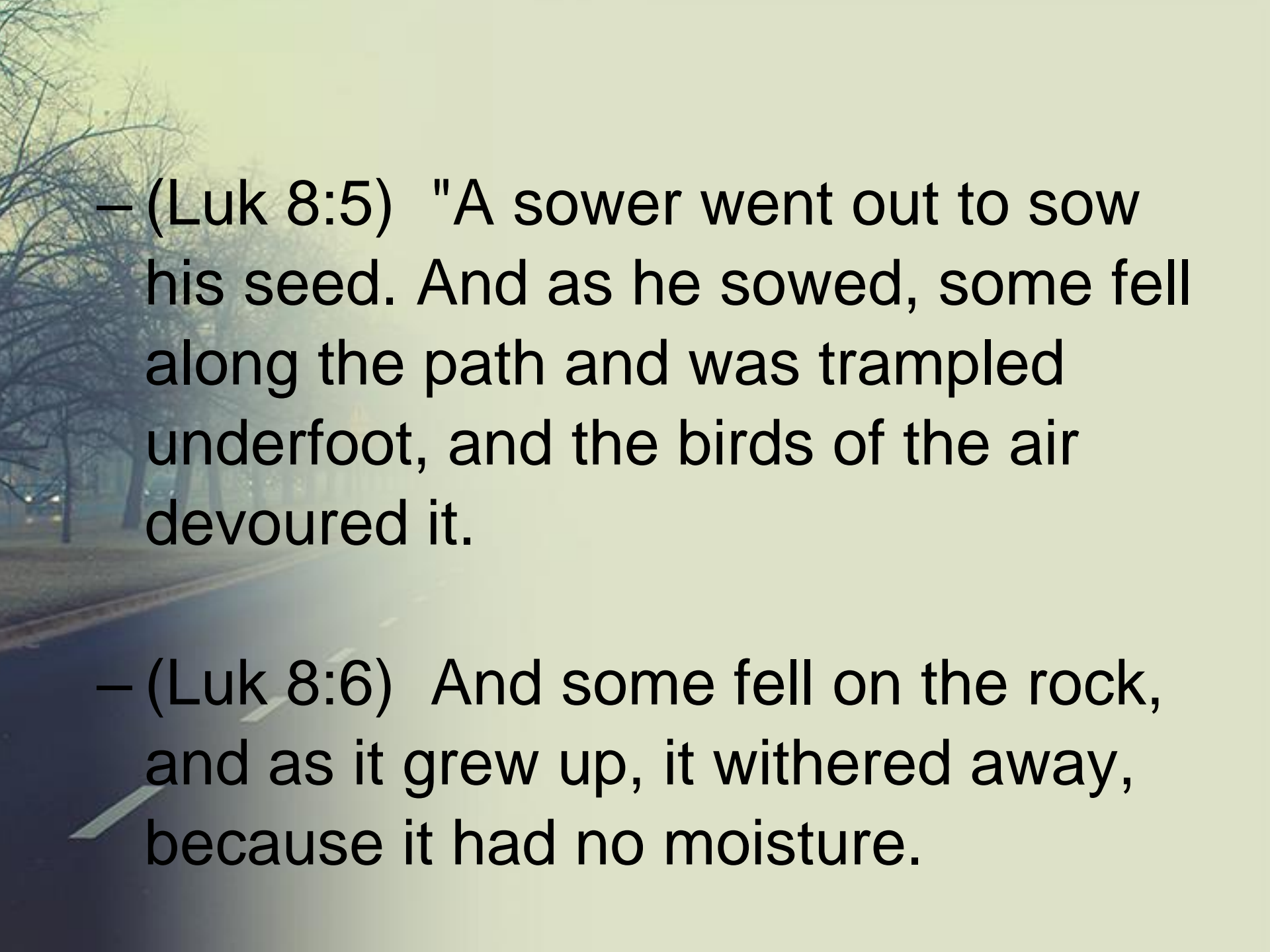
- 1) Is this what God says in the word?
- 2) Does it make me more like Jesus?
- 3) Does my church family confirm?
- 4) Is this your Shape?
- 5) Conviction or Condemnation?
- 6) Hearing for others*

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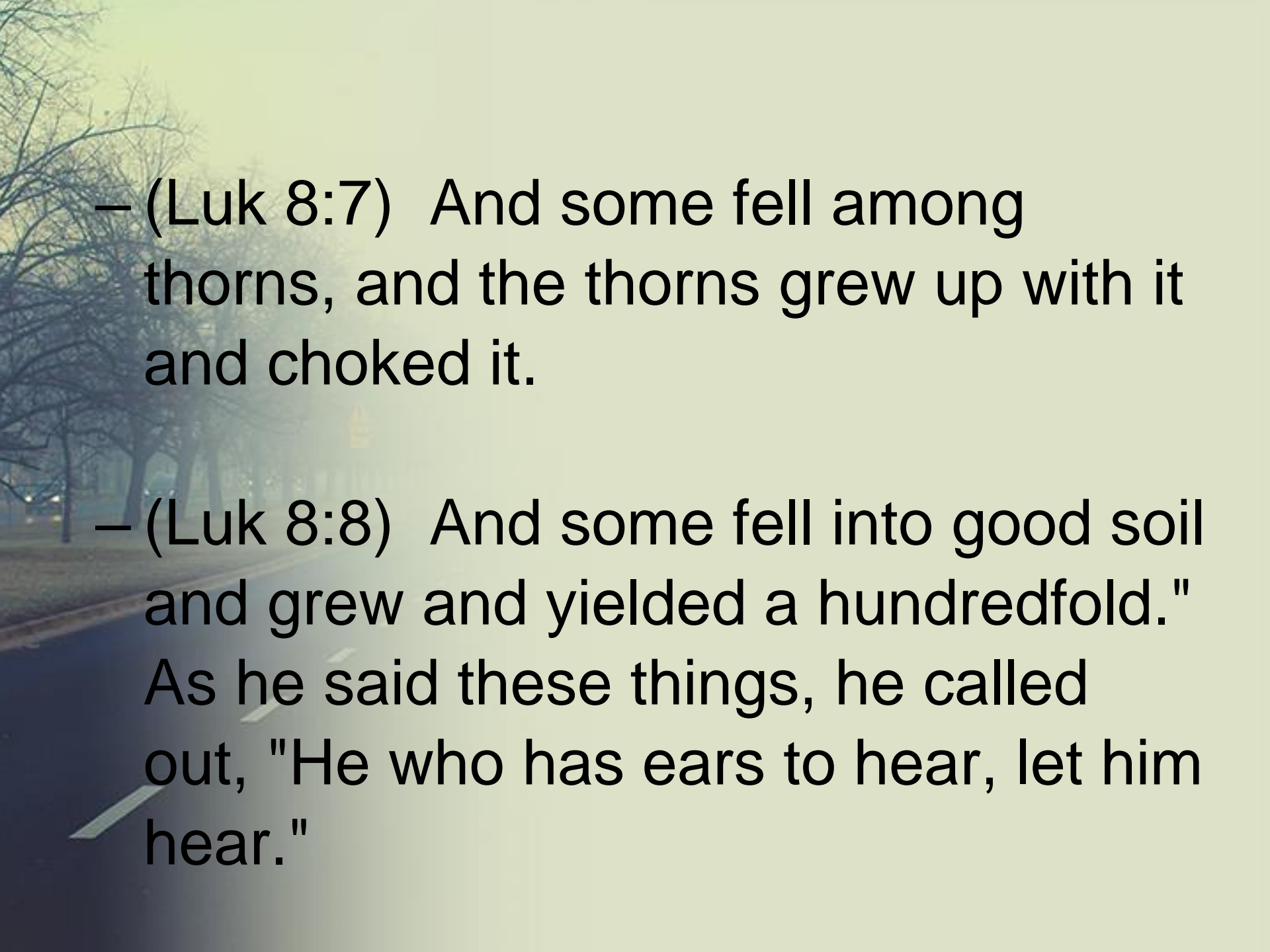
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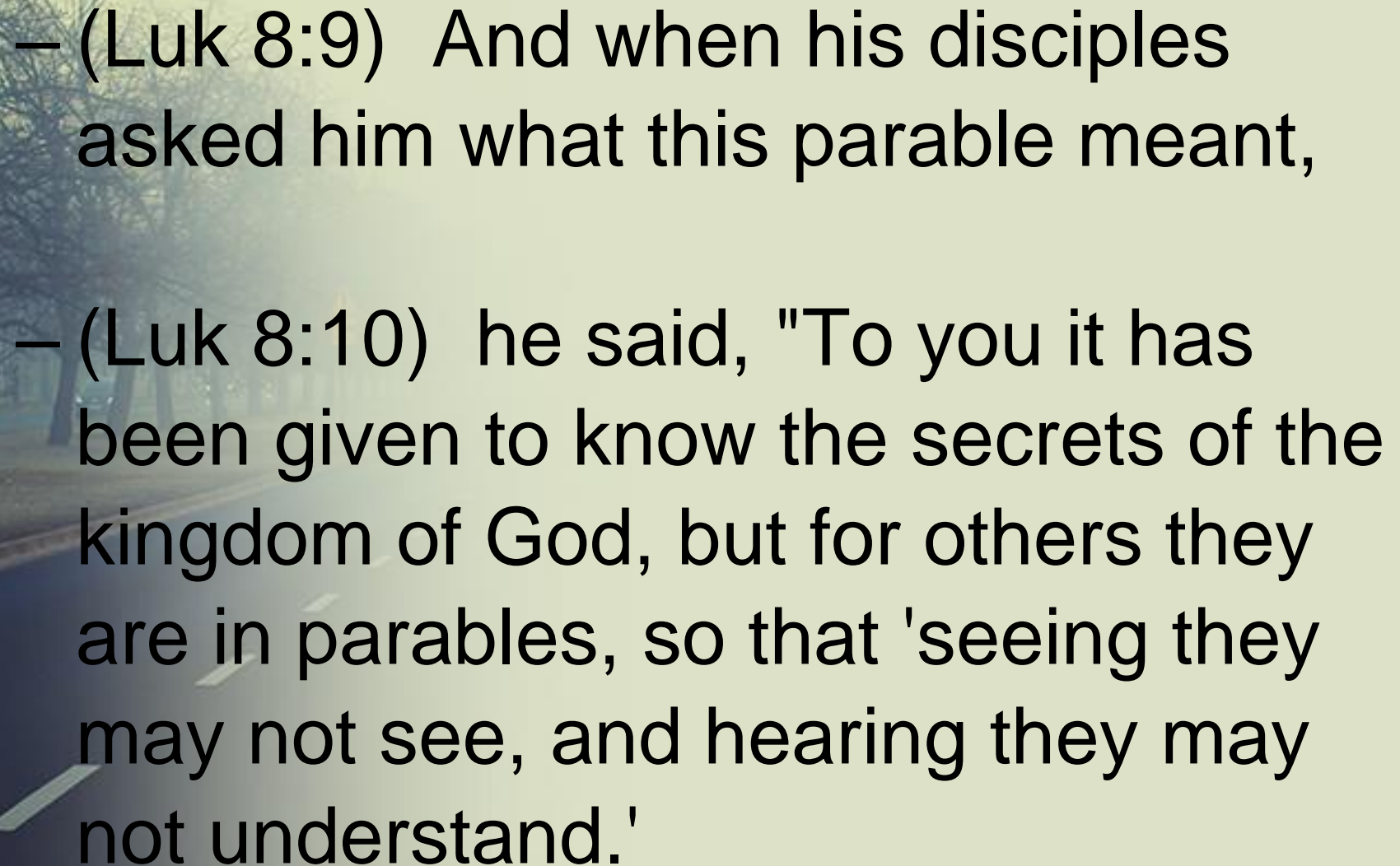
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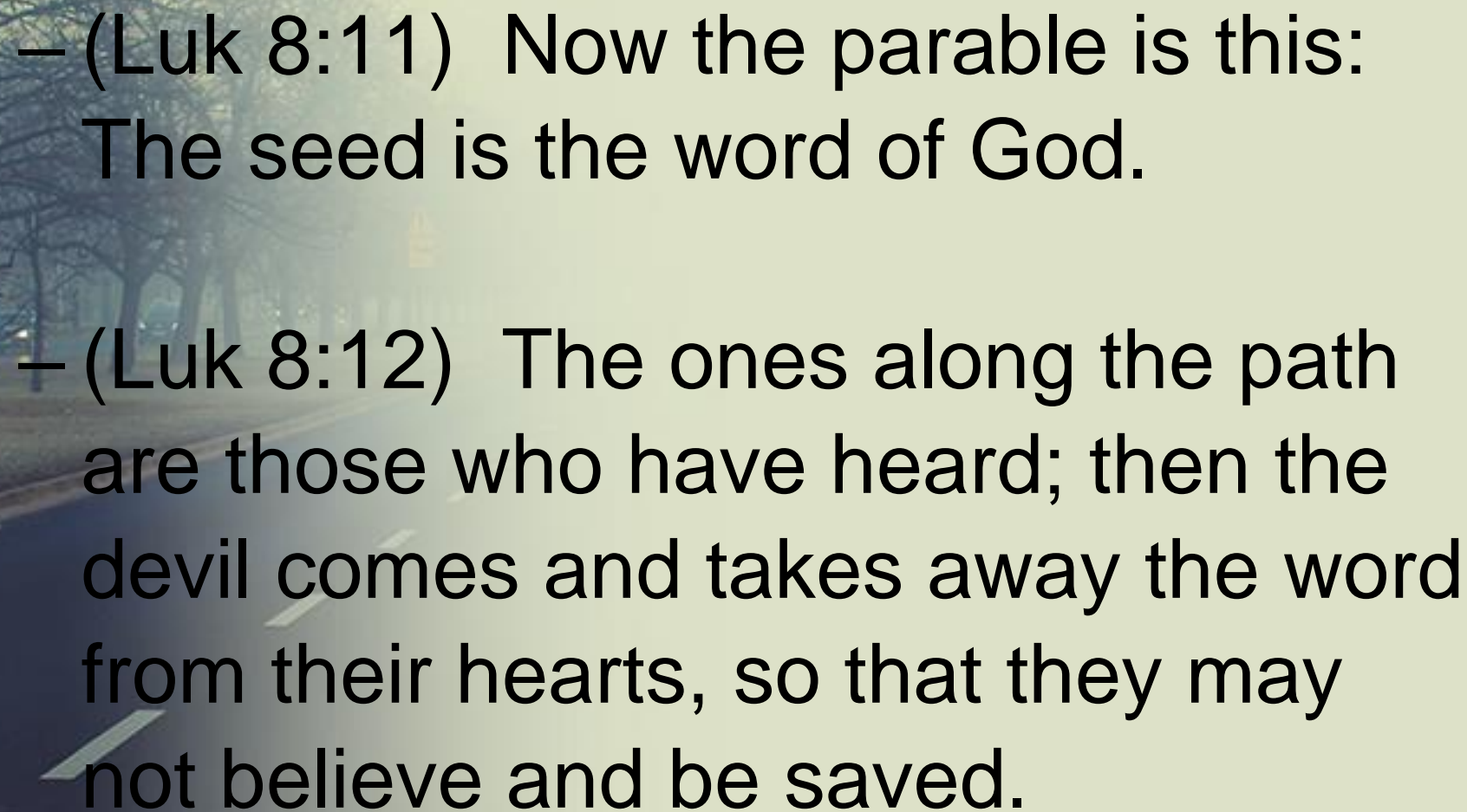
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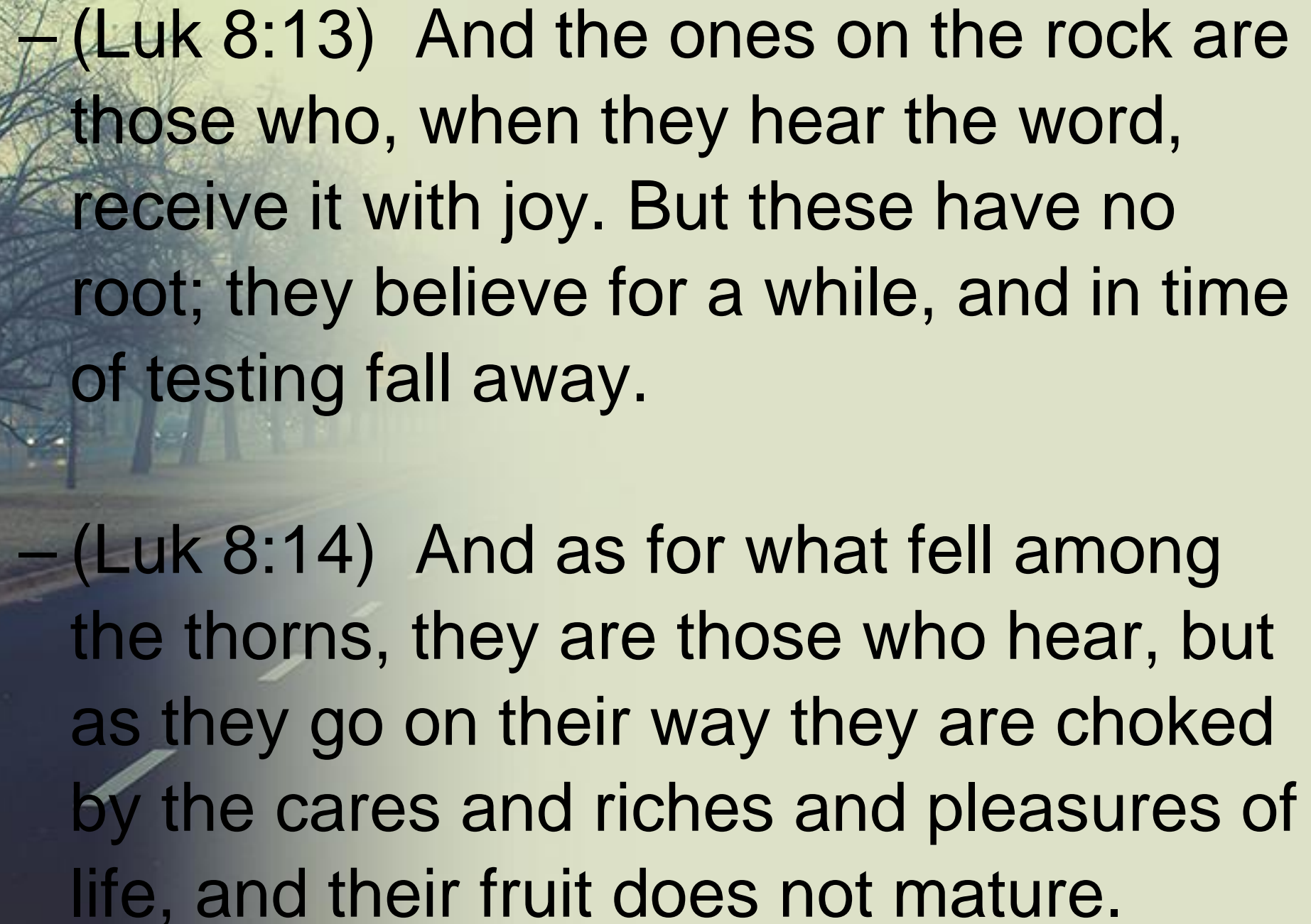


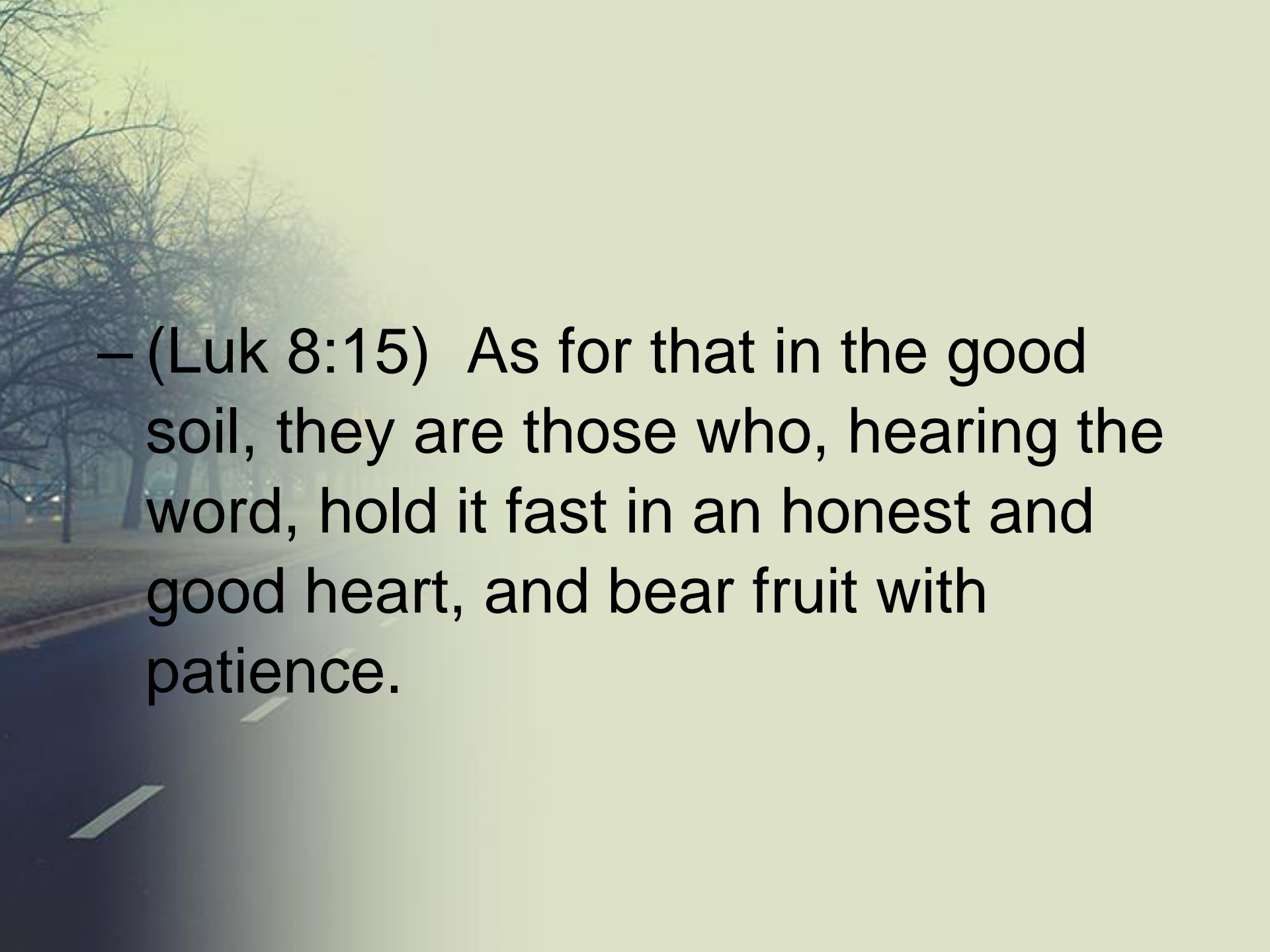
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- (Luk 8:9) And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,
 - (Luk 8:10) he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'

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- A background image of a foggy street with bare trees and a yellow traffic light. The text is overlaid on this image.
- (Luk 8:11) Now the parable is this:
The seed is the word of God.
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- (Luk 8:13) And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.
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A background image of a street lined with bare trees, shrouded in a thick fog or mist. The street has white dashed lines, and the overall atmosphere is quiet and somewhat somber.

– (Luk 8:15) As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Overview

The word of God is the seed

The seed is capable of yielding fruit

The heart is soil

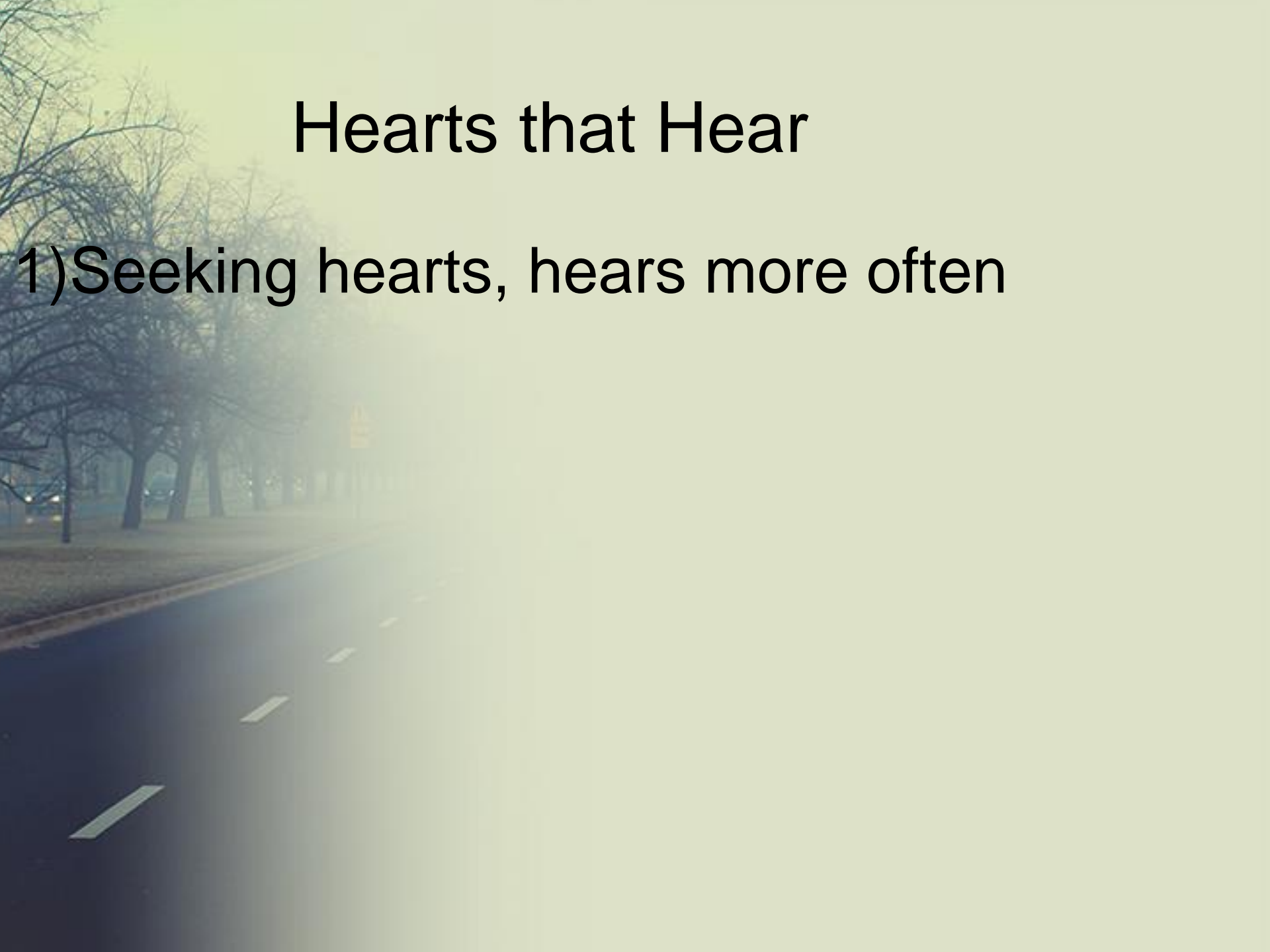
The soil have the ability of receiving the seed

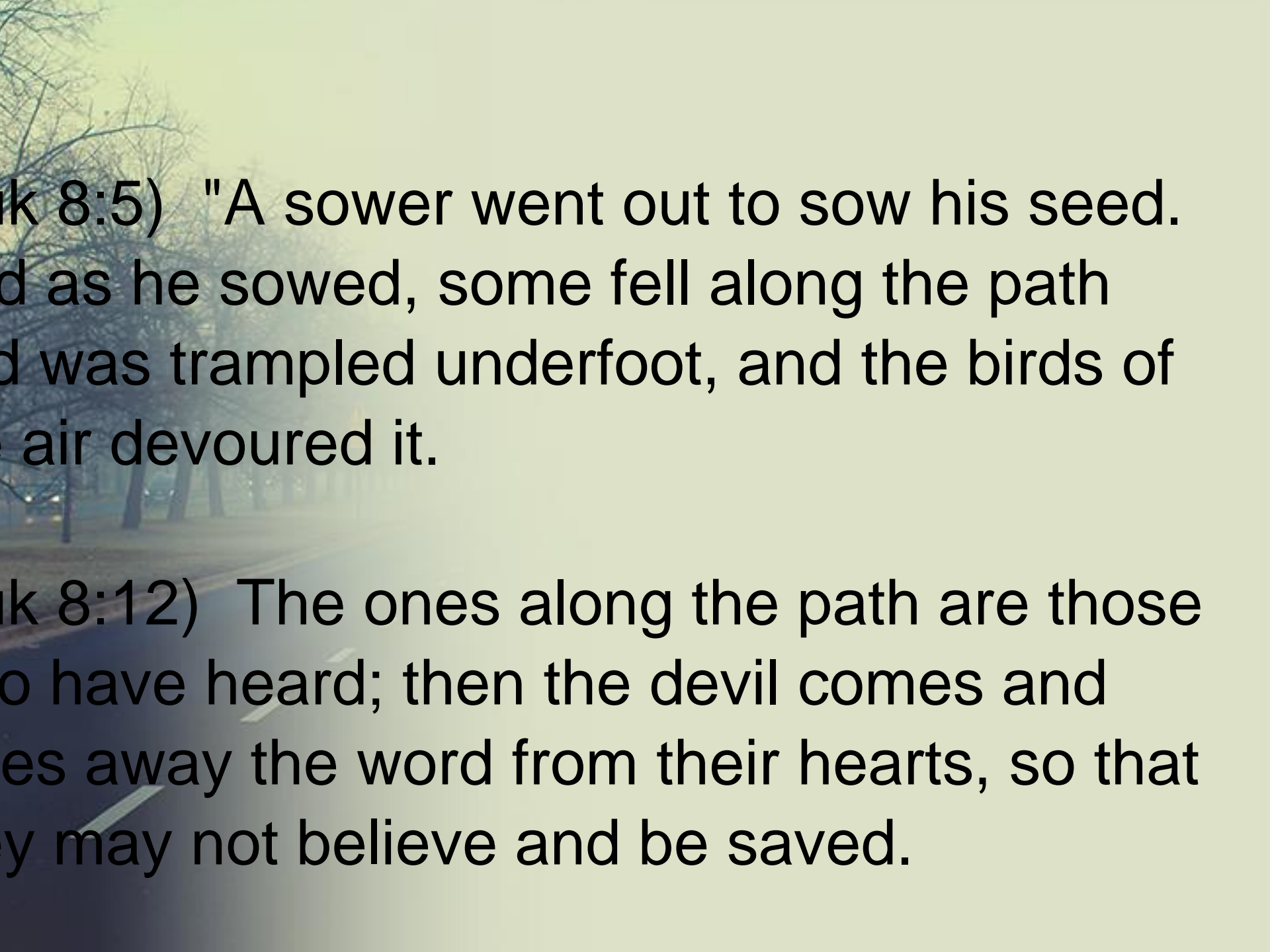
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- (Luk 8:1) Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,
- (Luk 8:4) And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable,

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The careless hearer- (path way)

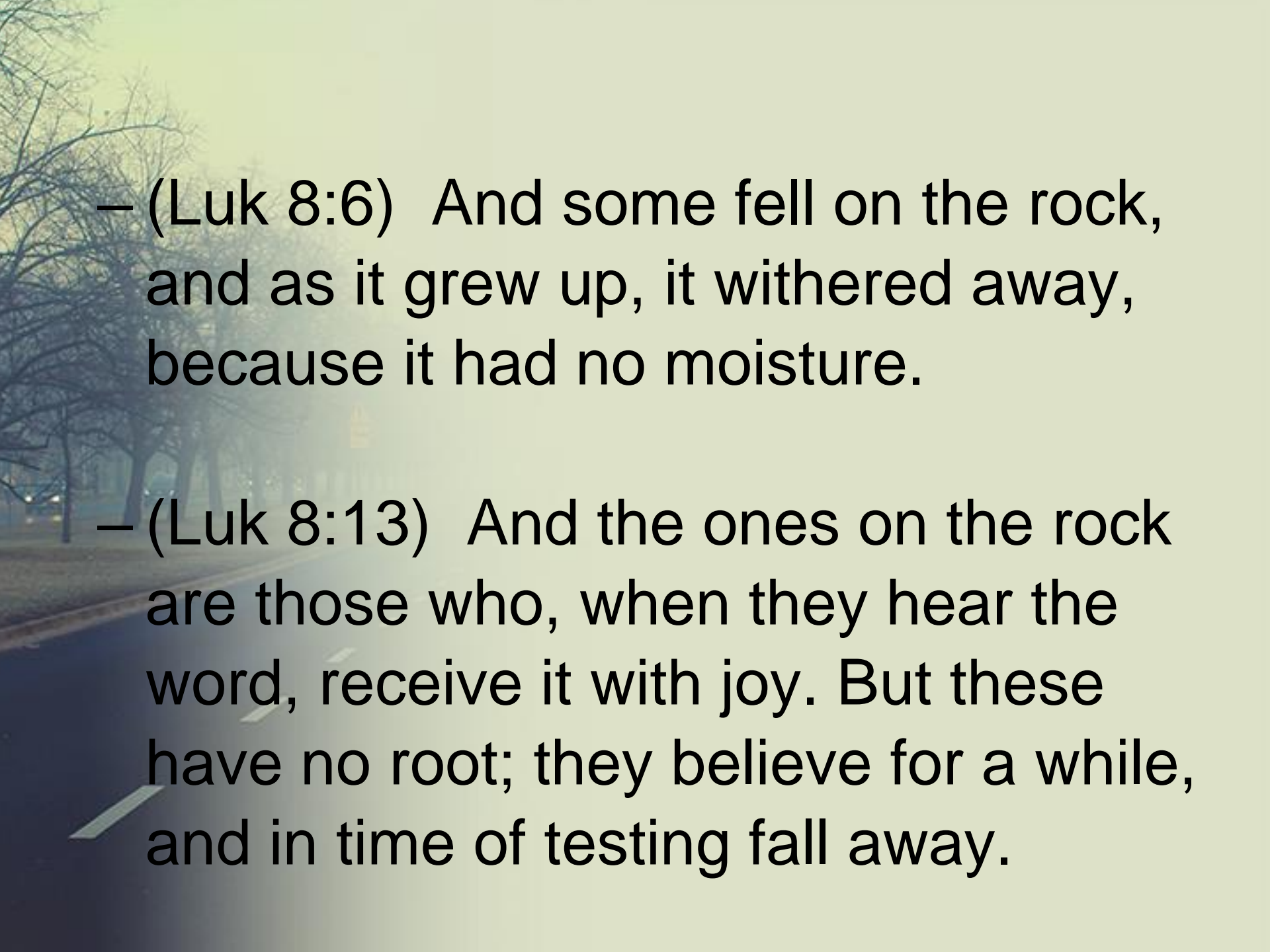
-the devil takes the word out of the heart so that the person may not believe

He uses 3 strategies:

- 1) Keep you from believing the word
- 2) If you believe it, to remove it
- 3) If you remember it, places an contempt upon it (stepped on)

Hearts that hear

1. Seeking hearts, hears more often
2. The careless hearer cannot receive the word of God

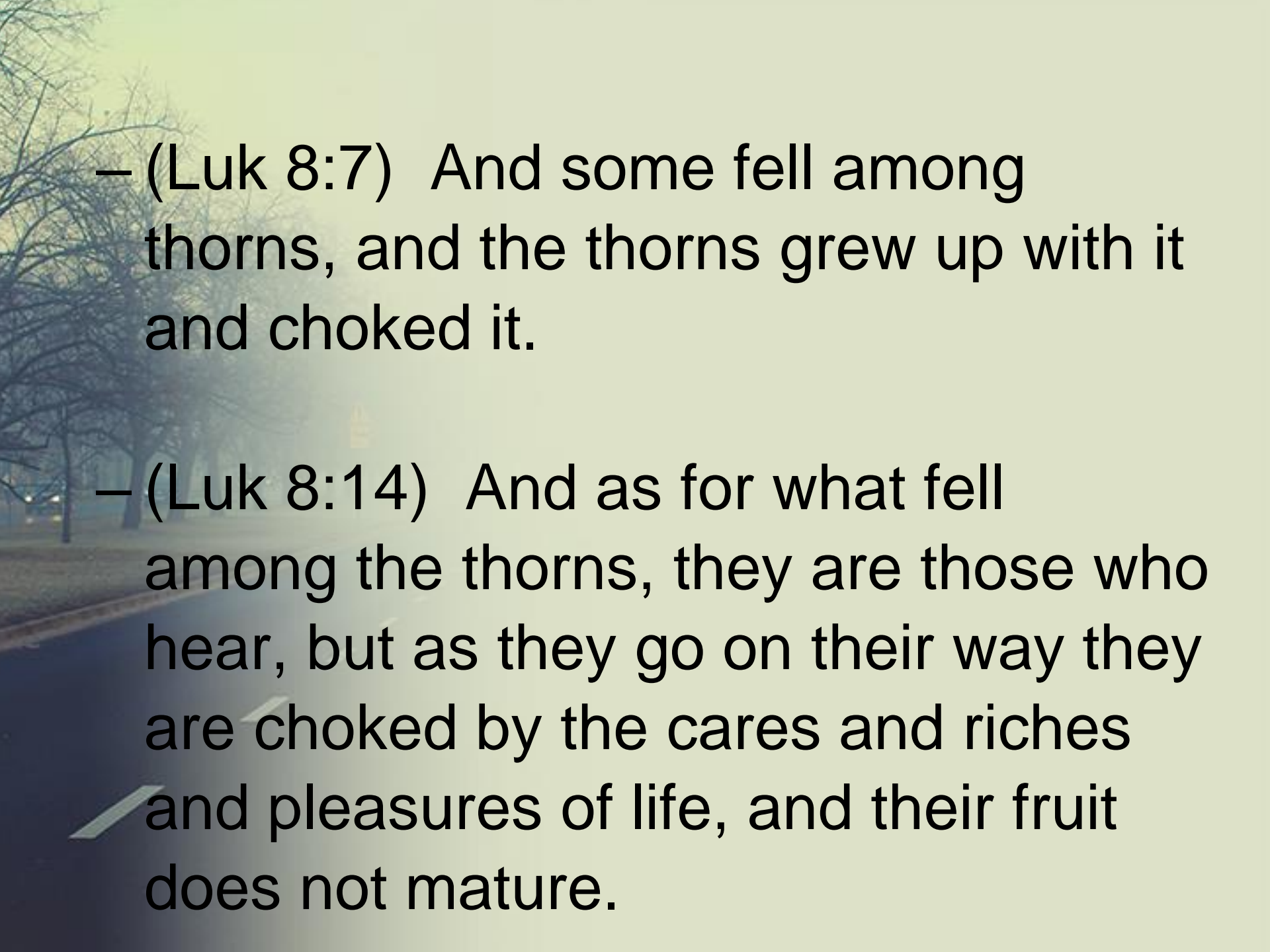


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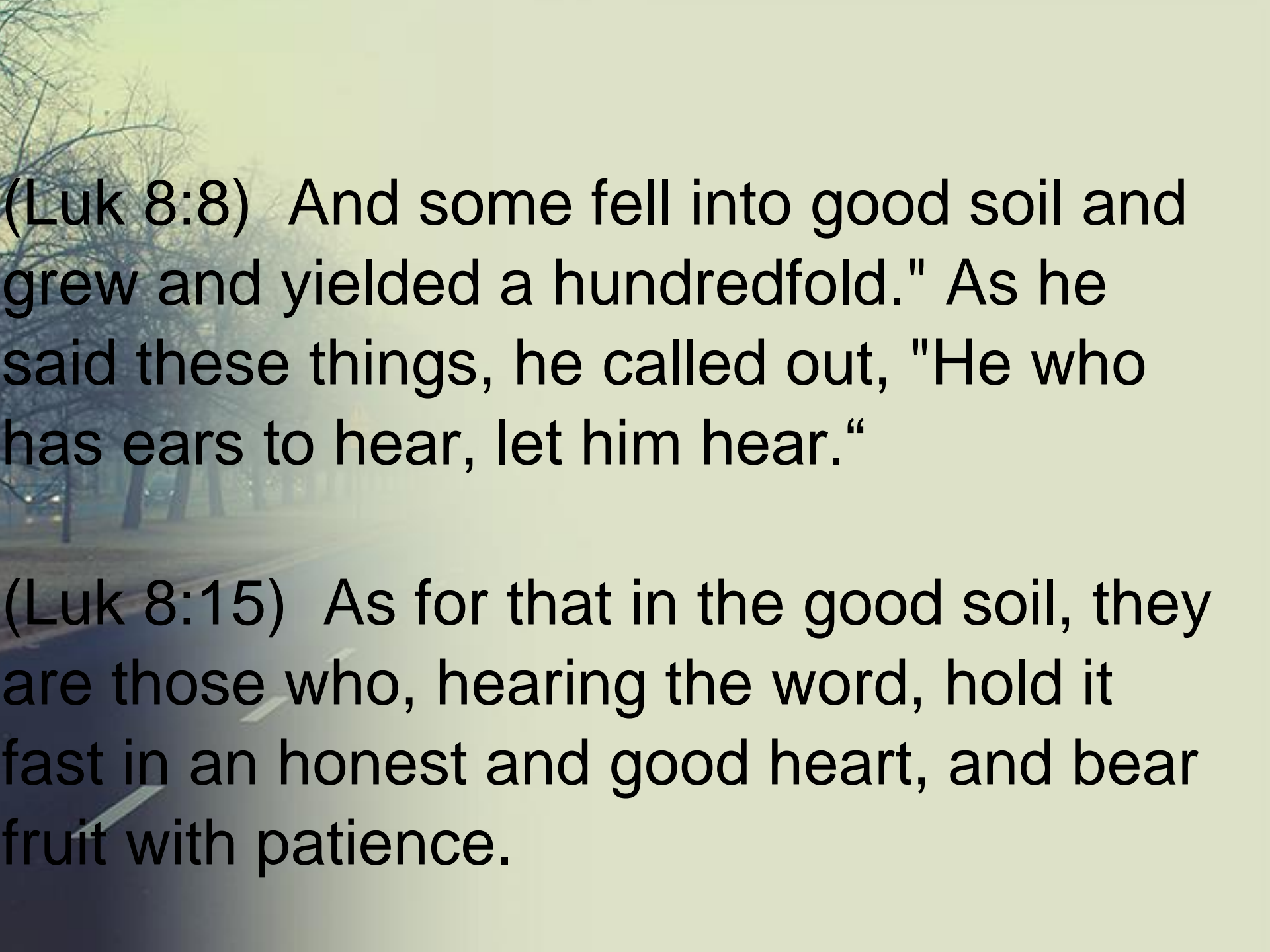


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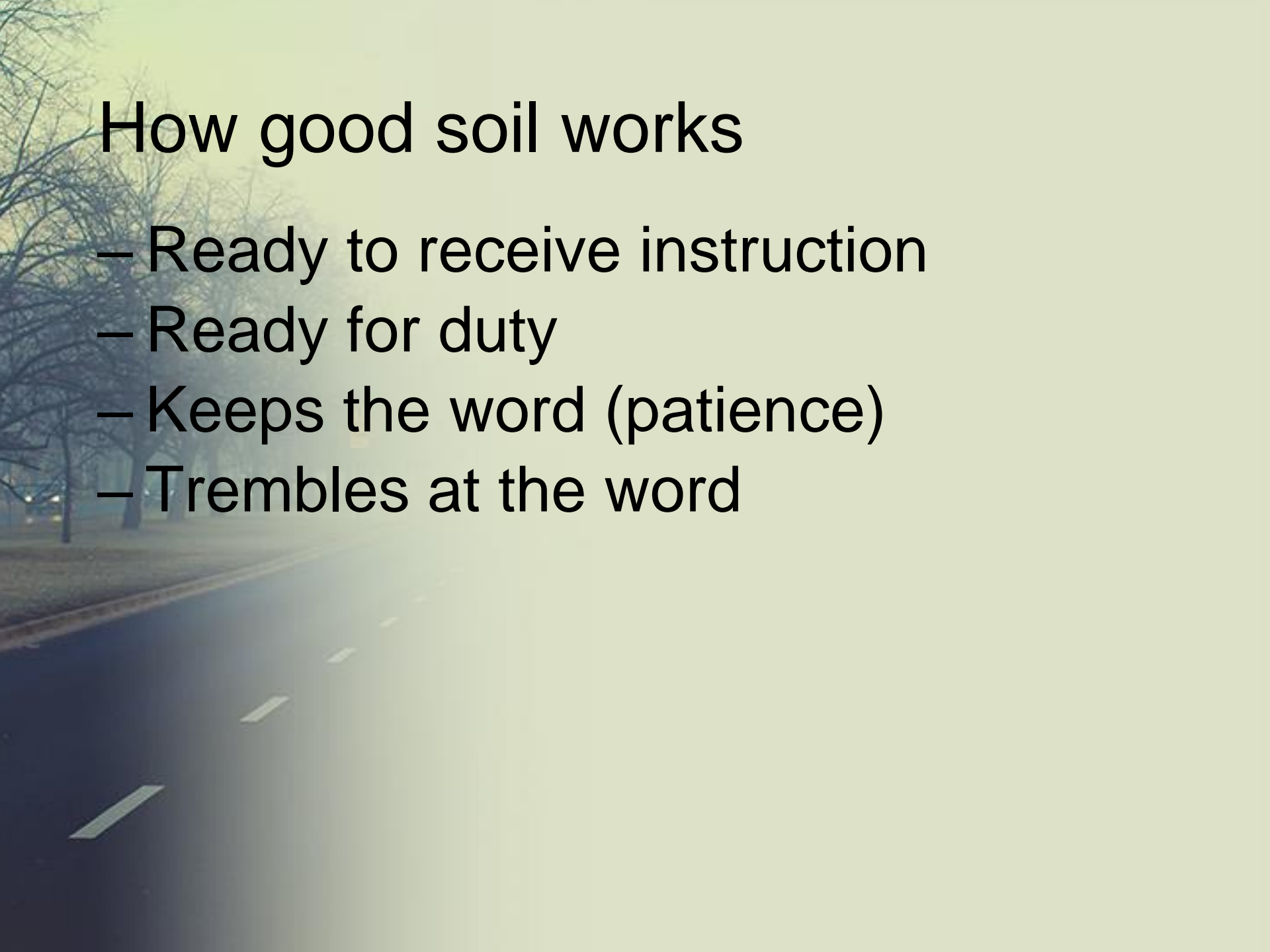
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How good soil works

- Ready to receive instruction
- Ready for duty
- Keeps the word (patience)
- Trembles at the word

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5. Good soil hears and chooses to take a step of faith

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.