Lk 8:1-15 - Parable of the 4 Soils - which R U like?

It's hard when…

Context – Luke 7 - rejection of Jesus

1. Responses to the Word

Seed/ word on Path (2 Cor 4.3-4)

On the Rock (Matt 13.21)

On thorny ground

On the good soil – produce fruit 100x

2. Your Responses to the Word

Really listen

Purpose of parables – a two-way function

Are you like:

- The Path – don't walk away from Jesus
- The rock – suffering tempting you to give up?
- The thorns – choked by other desires?
- The good ground –a new God-given heart? (Ez 36)
    - Persevering in producing fruit?
        - Fruit of Spirit (Gal 5.22-23)
        - The women (v2-3) - Fruit in generosity

3. Expectations when you share it

V9-10 – not everyone will believe God's word

Realistic expectations (John 6.44)

Not everyone will persevere

But be expectant – confidence God's word will save

– God brings the growth (1 Cor 3.6 & eg Dave Jensen)

Don't give up!