

Day 2: When the Ground Gets Hard

Devotional

Have you ever started something with God full of excitement, only to hit a wall when things got difficult? You are not alone. Rocky ground is one of the most honest pictures of the Christian life. The Word lands, joy follows, but when pressure comes, the roots have nowhere to go.

The problem with rocky ground is not a lack of desire. It is a lack of depth. And depth only comes when we are willing to do the hard work of breaking up what is underneath the surface. That means staying in the Word when it is inconvenient. It means trusting God when the situation does not look like His promises are working. It means choosing not to quit.

Abraham is one of the greatest examples of this kind of faith. He believed God even when believing was hard. He did not have all the answers. He did not see everything clearly. But he kept going.

Real faith is not the absence of struggle. Real faith is continuing to trust God in the middle of it. You do not have to have it all figured out today. You just have to take the next step and let Him meet you there.

Bible Verse

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." - Isaiah 55:10

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life where you have been tempted to give up on what God promised because it has taken longer or been harder than you expected?

Quote

"Real faith means that I continue with the word of God even when it's hard, that I trust Him, even when there's a struggle, real faith continues on."

Prayer

God, give me the courage to keep trusting You even when I cannot see the results yet. Break up the hard places in my heart so Your Word can take deep root. Amen.