



(August 14, 2013)

**The Just Live by Faith<sup>1</sup>**  
**Hebrews 10:39**

<b>Soils</b>	<b>How Do We Draw Back to Perdition?</b>	<b>How Do We Believe to the Saving of the Soul?<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Arrow</b>
Wayside	Fear that results in no faith	Believe	Regular
Rocky	Unbelief that battles with faith	Obey	Fiery
Thorny	Doubt that results in little faith	Trust	Combustible
Good		Great Faith	

• **Explaining the T:**

- **Middle columns.** Reveal what causes us to draw back to perdition (fear, unbelief, and doubt) in contrast with how we believe to the saving of our soul (believe, obey, and trust God until we develop great faith).
- **Outside of the T.** The soils from the parable of the sower and the seed are in the outer left column and the arrows the devil uses against us in the outer right column. This illustrates how each soil aligns with our faith and the type of arrow being launched at us.
- **Pulling it all together. Wayside.** There are times when a person survives the damage inflicted by a **regular** arrow (especially when it doesn't hit a vital organ). However, that damage may cause us to fear getting struck again, and we end up having no faith to believe God's Word. **Rocky.** If we learn to overcome our fear, the enemy still has **fiery** arrows to launch at us. We may see them coming, but avoiding the arrow we see might cause us to walk right in the path of an arrow we don't see, and we get hit anyway! During this season, we go back and forth between faith and unbelief. We believe when we hear the Word, but when the arrow comes, our faith turns to unbelief, and we fail to obey God! **Thorny.** However, if we learn to overcome

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<sup>2</sup> The components in this column come from a previous study on the parable of the sower and the seed. More information can be found in the file, "Four-Way Stop Sign & the Soils" (December 9, 2009) located under Group Documents on the website: <http://wow2women.com/documents.html>.

our unbelief and just obey God DESPITE what we see, the enemy can elevate his attack and start launching **combustible** arrows! These are the arrows we don't see coming, but have the deadliest impact! They are intended to inflame our emotions, and our emotions cause us to doubt God, especially when His timing doesn't align with ours! Over time, our doubt causes us to have little faith. At this point, we are in danger of backsliding (or as Hebrews 10:39 states, draw back to perdition). But, if we trust God and lean not to our own understanding, we can make that final transition. **Good ground**. Once we learn how to trust God through life's circumstances, we get to the good ground and have **great faith**! If our interpretation in this T is correct, the devil has no other form of arrow to launch! We are now equipped with a shield of faith to quench all his fiery darts!