

We Will Thrive

When The Gospel Thrives In Us (week 1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Ideas

We will thrive when the truth of the Gospel thrives in us.

Key Scriptures

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10 ESV

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the LORD's favor has come.
Luke 4:18-19 NLT

As he scattered them across his field, some seeds fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate them. Other seeds fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seeds sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plants soon wilted under the hot sun, and since they didn't have deep roots, they died. Other seeds fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted! Matthew 13:4-8

Don't suppress the Spirit, and don't stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, don't be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what's good. Throw out anything tainted with evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 MSG

Survival is a lie standing in opposition to the abundant life God has for us.

Obstacles to avoid in 2021:

- Exposure
 - a. We will instead develop healthy boundaries.
- Shallowness
 - a. We will instead dig into God's Word and God's people.
- Crowding out
 - a. We will instead "guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus", pitch out things that are not True.

Start talking.

- What are some of your favorite "battle cry" movie moments?
- Why do those type of moments stir us?
- How have "we" bought the lie that survival is as good as it gets?
- Why is that such a destructive lie?

Start thinking.

- Read John 10:10 and Luke 4:18-19. How do those speak to Christ's desire for us to thrive?
- Read Matthew 13:4-8. How do the three examples of "bad" soil represent a willingness to accept survival as the goal?
- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22. What instruction does this give us for avoiding a "survival" mentality?

Start sharing.

- Which of the three "bad" soils is the greatest temptation for you?
- Why is survival at times appealing?
- What one thing most needs to change for you to begin to thrive this year?

Start doing.

- Pick one of the obstacles and state two ways you will practically take steps to avoid it this month.
- If you haven't begun a daily scripture reading discipline download the YouVersion bible app here: <https://www.youversion.com>
- If you have not joined a LifeGroup find one here: <https://harborchurchco.churchcenter.com/groups/lifegroups>

Closing prayer.

Jesus, I confess that often I settle for just surviving life rather than trusting in you and your Gospel. Lord root out those things in me. Help me to hold close to the truth of your Gospel. Give me the passion and courage to push through difficulties, and pain. Help me to trust in you and your desire that I would thrive this year.