

Living out Our faith  
with a renewed Mind

**FRUITFULNESS**



## Jeremiah 23 v 28b-29

“ for what has straw to do with grain ?”  
declares **The Lord**

“Is not my Word like fire ?”  
declares **The Lord**



“and a hammer that breaks a rock  
in pieces?”



Our Frame of mind....  
often determines our responses to circumstances or events.....



# And our attitude and reactions to people....





**And we can get so set in our minds  
on something we are doing that are unable to do anything else ! ....**



# Parable of the Sower

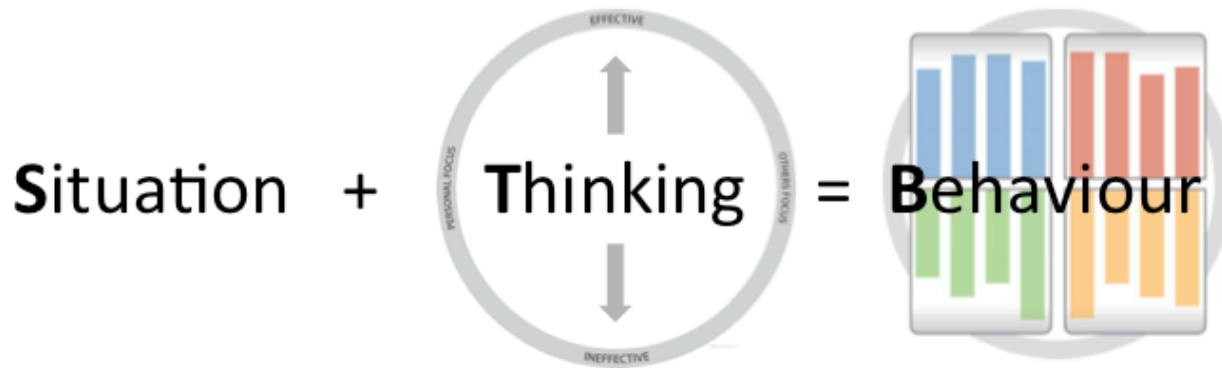
- **Matthew 13 v1-9**
- **Matthew 13 v18-23**
  - **Jesus Explains to his close friends**

**Our frame of mind will contribute to our fruitfulness  
any day  
any situation  
on Monday (tomorrow)**

# Key Elements - HEARTLIFE

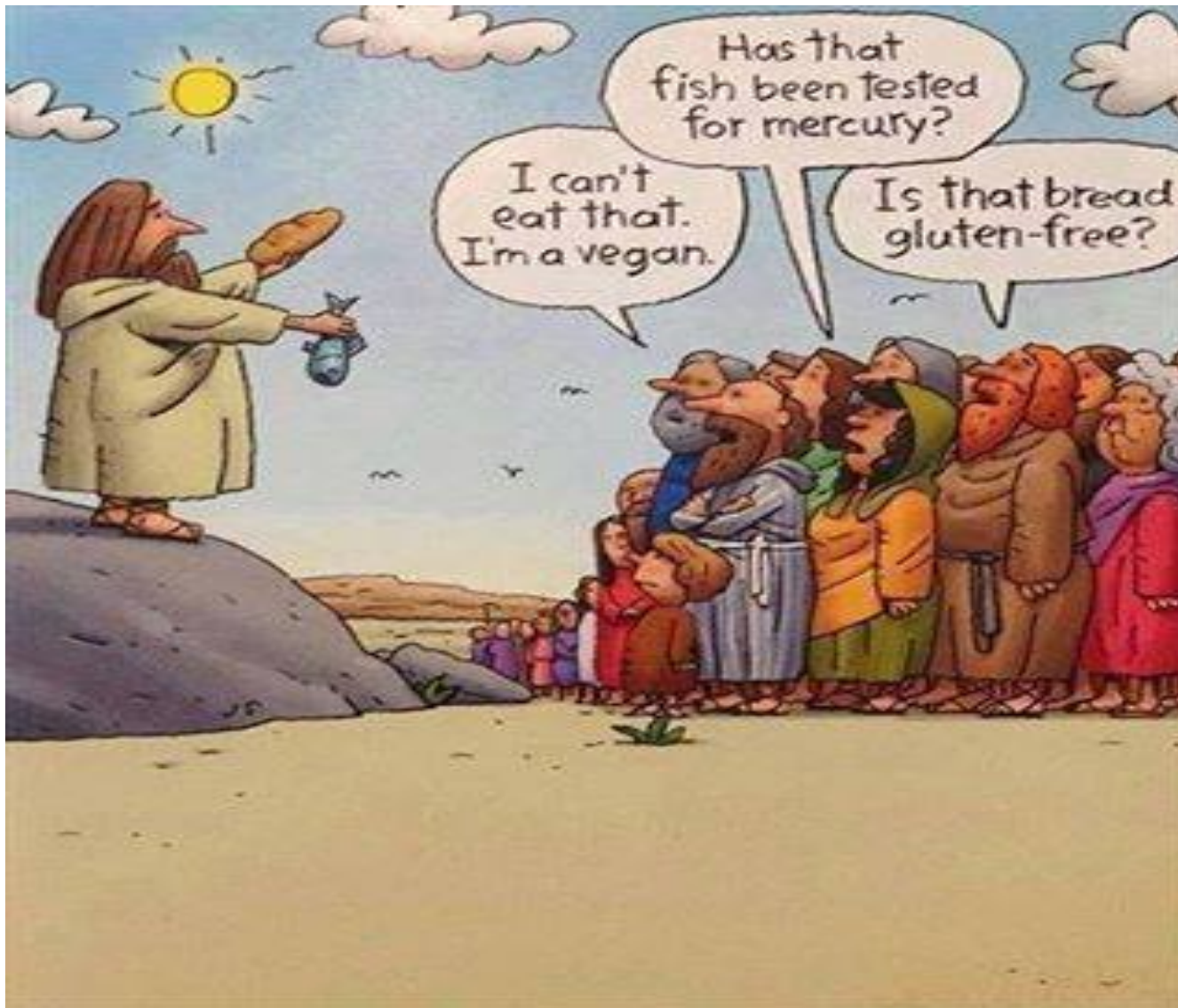
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*Why we do the things we do*



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### **Mind is fixed/set**

- on other issues that bother us, or
- we strongly believe we are “right” !!
- by deep hurts we can't forgive

### **Result**

- not open to what is in-front of us/ being shared
- a road to joyless, grim determination or bitterness
- We switch off & not give anything a chance to stick

## “HARD PATH” MINDSET :

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### “Tell-tale” signs?

- Fits of anger and frustration
- Prejudices
- or even envy.....

### Root of such hard thinking?

- We are sitting in the JUDGEMENT seat on others

### Bible Examples of hard path mindset in action

- The Pharisees (plotting to Kill the Messiah)
- Pharoah (Moses time – “set his face as flint”)

# Hard Path “Cure” 😊 for more fruitfulness

Get out of the “judgement seat”

(The Father gives that all to Jesus)

Instead – take the “Mind of Christ”

- “consider others better than yourself”

..... **EVERYONE** 😊

- Pray daily to be filled with His endless Goodness, Kindness, and Gentleness

# Hard Path “Cure” 😊 for more fruitfulness

Antidote in Scripture: **Phillipians 2 v 1-11**

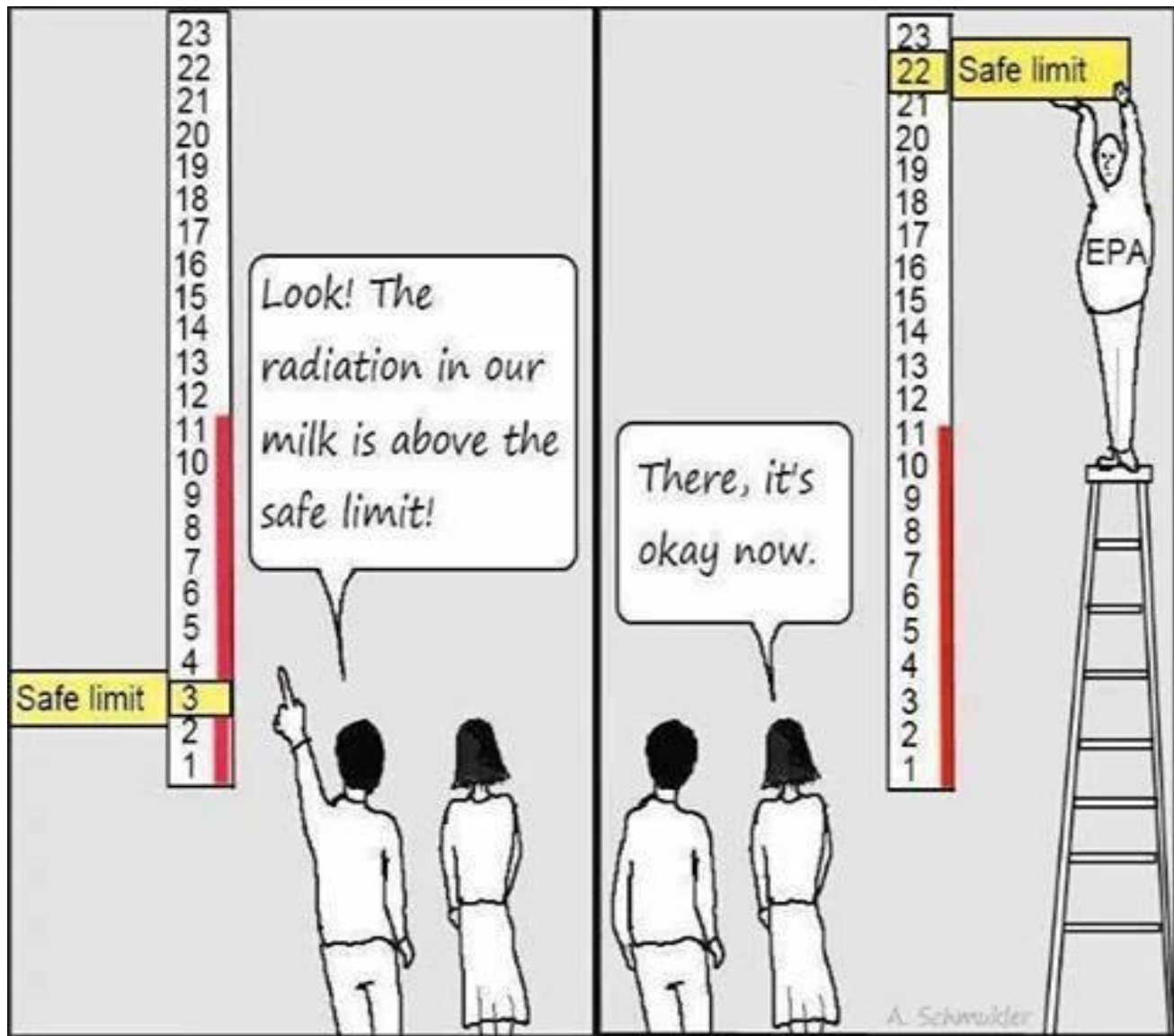
Example of antidote in action:

**JONAH (going and preaching in Nineveh)**



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### **Our Minds/thinking are scorched by**

- **stresses and conflicts at work/home/school**
- **fear and dread of the future or people**
- **doubting**
- **out of control hurts**

### **Fruits in our lives**

- **No peace of mind**
- **Hypocritical behaviours start up again**

**In the heat of it,**

**we behave as though we weren't a Christian**

## **ROCKY, THIN SOIL MINDSET:**

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### **“Tell-tale” signs?**

- **Anxious or distracted**
- **Irritable**
- **Repeated backsliding into old ways of behaving**

### **Root of such scorched, thin soil thinking?**

**We forget....**

**where our security is : in God**

**who we are “in Christ” , So we forget to trust **JESUS****

### **Bible Examples of scorched , “thin soil” mindset in action**

- **Apostle Peter denying Jesus (fear)**
- **“Doubting” Thomas (after resurrection)**

# Rocky, thin soil “Cure” 😊 for more fruitfulness

**“Build your house upon the Rock, not upon the sand”**

- **“Trust and obey”**
- **With thanksgiving,**
  - **cast all cares to Jesus in prayer**

**The Peace of God will keep our hearts and minds  
i.e. refreshed (not scorched)**



# Rocky, thin soil “Cure” 😊 for more fruitfulness

Antidote in Scripture:

Matthew 7 v24-25

Philippians 4 v 4-9

example of antidote in action:

**JOB (would not curse God)**

## **THORNY SOIL MINDSET :**

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### **Our thinking becomes choked by**

- **Unhealthy fixation on something – e.g. wealth**
- **Over indulging in an activity - greed**
- **Out of control desires – e.g. lust/porn habit**

### **Results**

- **Blaming / unforgiveness of yourself**
- **Shame**
- **We become takers and not givers in relationships**

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### **“Tell-tale” signs?**

- **Activities done “in secret” when we are alone**
- **Lack of joy / and tasks become a duty**
- **We begin to feel “detached”**

### **Root of such thorn-choked thinking ?**

- **Feeding our desires**

### **Bible Examples of thorn-choked thinking in action ?**

- **King David, (with Bathsheba & then Uriah)**
- **Rich young ruler (didn't join up with Jesus)**



## Thorny soil “Cure” 😊 for more fruitfulness

### Reverse the flow of “feeding” our desires

- **BE CONTENT** with what we have
- **Have a daily quiet time with Jesus**
- **Pray good on those you look being exploited online**
- **Be generous with time and money**
- **be self controlled**

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Antidote in Scripture:      **Colossians 3 v5-17**

example of antidote in action :

**Joseph (resisting Potiphar’s wife’s advances)**

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**GOOD SOIL THINKING**



**GOOD SOIL MINDSET :**  
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**God is Sowing seeds all the time**  
**- in everyplace and in every situation, all the time**

**Let's be more open to allow what He is sowing to**  
**take root and grow each new day next week**

- **wherever we are**
- **whoever we are with**
- **in every situation we find ourselves**

• **On MONDAY morning !**



## **GOOD SOIL MINDSET :**

**Thinking that promotes fruitfulness**

**Jesus wants our harvest to be increased**

**30 fold**

**60 fold**

**100 fold**

## **Fruits of the SPIRIT**

**Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Goodness, Kindness,  
Gentleness, Faithfulness and Self control**

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**John 15 verse 5**

**“I AM the vine  
You are the branches.  
If you remain in me, and I in you,  
You will bear much fruit.  
Apart from me you can do nothing”**



**He who has ears, let Him hear 😊**

# Let's Pray

