

**Rooted**  
**“Changed From the Inside Out”**  
**Luke 8:5-8, 11-15**  
**April 30, May 3-4, 2014: Harrison Huxford, Campus Pastor**

**Spiritual Growth always begins on the inside and works its way out.**

We can't fix the fruit without changing our roots.

Key Question: What is the purpose of the soils?

Two Implications about this parable:

- Every one of us fits in this parable somewhere
- Soil can change!

How do we prepare the soil for growth?

The process of seeing real change come from the inside out consists of two words: training and trusting.

**Training**

- When you focus on the roots the fruit will follow.

*“Train yourself for godliness.” 1 Timothy 4:7*

*“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.” 2 Peter 1:3*

*“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:5-8*

**Trusting**

- You need to be faithful in training and you can trust Him to bring the fruit.

## Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home.

1. What stands out to you about the parable of the Sower?
  2. What are some practical points we can learn about Spiritual growth based on the physical growth?
  3. What is the purpose of the soil?
  4. How can you train yourself for godliness?
  5. What do you need to trust God to take care of?
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## Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to [SavannahChristian.com/Events](http://SavannahChristian.com/Events).

### Adoration Prayer Service

**6 – 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 6**

**Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Spend some quality time with the Lord. This adoration prayer service creates a quiet, reflective space where you can lay aside the distractions and busyness of life and focus on Him. In addition to personal prayer time facilitated by a variety of prayer stations, there will be a time of worship and guided prayer.

### 31:8 Movie Night

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 9**

**The Link across the lake**

31:8 Movie Nights – held the first Friday of every month – are based on Proverbs 31:8, which commands us to show compassion and be advocates for those who cannot speak up for themselves. Our May movie is a documentary about Verve, a church plant on the Las Vegas Strip supported by our church. Laugh, cry and marvel at how God is changing people's lives in radical ways. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

### REAL Time

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13**

**Adult Ministry Center across the street**

Ladies, join us for REAL Time, an opportunity to connect with other ladies for food, fellowship and laughter as we share and encourage each other in our walks with Christ. Meet up with old friends and make new ones. Purchase your \$6 ticket at [SavannahChristian.com](http://SavannahChristian.com) or at a Connection Kiosk by Tuesday, May 6.

### Summer Dinner Theatre Auditions

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13**

**Room 204**

Would you like to be part of the Drama Ministry's upcoming Summer Dinner Theatre? Men and women aged 25 – 65 are invited to audition for this year's production, "My Wonderful Coma," taking place July 18 – 20. No prior experience or preparation necessary. Our annual Summer Dinner Theatre provides a great opportunity to invite friends and family who don't normally go to church.