

The Power of Commitment

1. **Matt. 13:3-8** The Parable of the sower.
 - A. The answer to the parable. **Matt. 13:19-23**
 1. The wayside. **13:19**
 2. The stony places **13:20-21**
 3. The thorns. **13:22**
 4. The good ground. **13:23**
 - B. **Luk. 8:11** The seed is the Word of God. The ground is the hearts of men.
2. **I Sam. 17:40** When David went out to fight Goliath, he picked up five stones. Why Five?
3. The Roman army in the writings of Josephus: The General would ask his men "are you ready?" Three times. Why three?
 - A. We as God's people are in a spiritual warfare.
II Cor. 10:3-5, Eph. 6:11-13, Rom 13:12
4. **Jn. 21:15-17** "Lovest thou me more than these." Jesus asked this of Peter three times. Why three?
5. Some who lacked total commitment.
 - A. **Luk. 17:32** Lot's wife. **Gen. 19:15-17, 24-26**
 - B. **II Tim. 4:10** Demos; Paul's companion.
 - C. Judas Iscariot