

## “Stay on Course” Ryan Leak

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SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the **good things he planned for us long ago.**”

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:3-9

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on **a footpath**, and the birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on **shallow soil** with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it **didn’t have deep roots**, it died. Other seed fell **among thorns** that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on **fertile soil**, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!” Then he said, ‘Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.’”

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:14

“The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others.”

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Jesus puts more responsibility on the **receiver** of God’s word more than the **giver** of God’s word.

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:15

“The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have *Satan come at once and take it away.*”

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:16-17

“The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they *don’t last long*. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word.”

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:18-19

“The seed that fell *among the thorns* represents others who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced.”

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) Mark 4:20

“And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who *hear and accept God’s word* and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

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*What kind of ground are you?*

Which kind of ground do you want to be?

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_ ) (build)

Having Problems

Future Quest Week 5

February 7/9, 2020

- \* **Job Loss**
- \* **Divorce**
- \* **Sickness**
- \* **Depression**
- \* **Loss of a loved one**

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All of our pain and problems can either be used **steer us away from** God or be used to **steer us closer to** God.

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_) (build)

**Worries of this Life**

- \* **Belonging**
- \* **Popularity**
- \* **Approval (being liked and getting likes)**
- \* **Children's Success**
- \* **Career Outcome**
- \* **Relationship Status**

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Control the things *you can* control. **Pray** about the things you can't.

SLIDE \_\_\_\_\_) (build)

**Lure of Wealth & Desire for Other Things**

- \* **Houses**
- \* **Cars**
- \* **Clothes**
- \* **Status**
- \* **Upgrades**

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Do we have wealth or does wealth **have us**?

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Wealth is only a problem for us when we believe it can do things for us that **only God can.**

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The filter we should use for everything we hold dear:  
**Destiny** or **Distraction?**

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**Good** things can **distract** us as much as **bad** things can help us reach our **destiny.**

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What are we going to do with **the Message** God has given us?

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Change our **posture.**  
Change our **perspective.**

