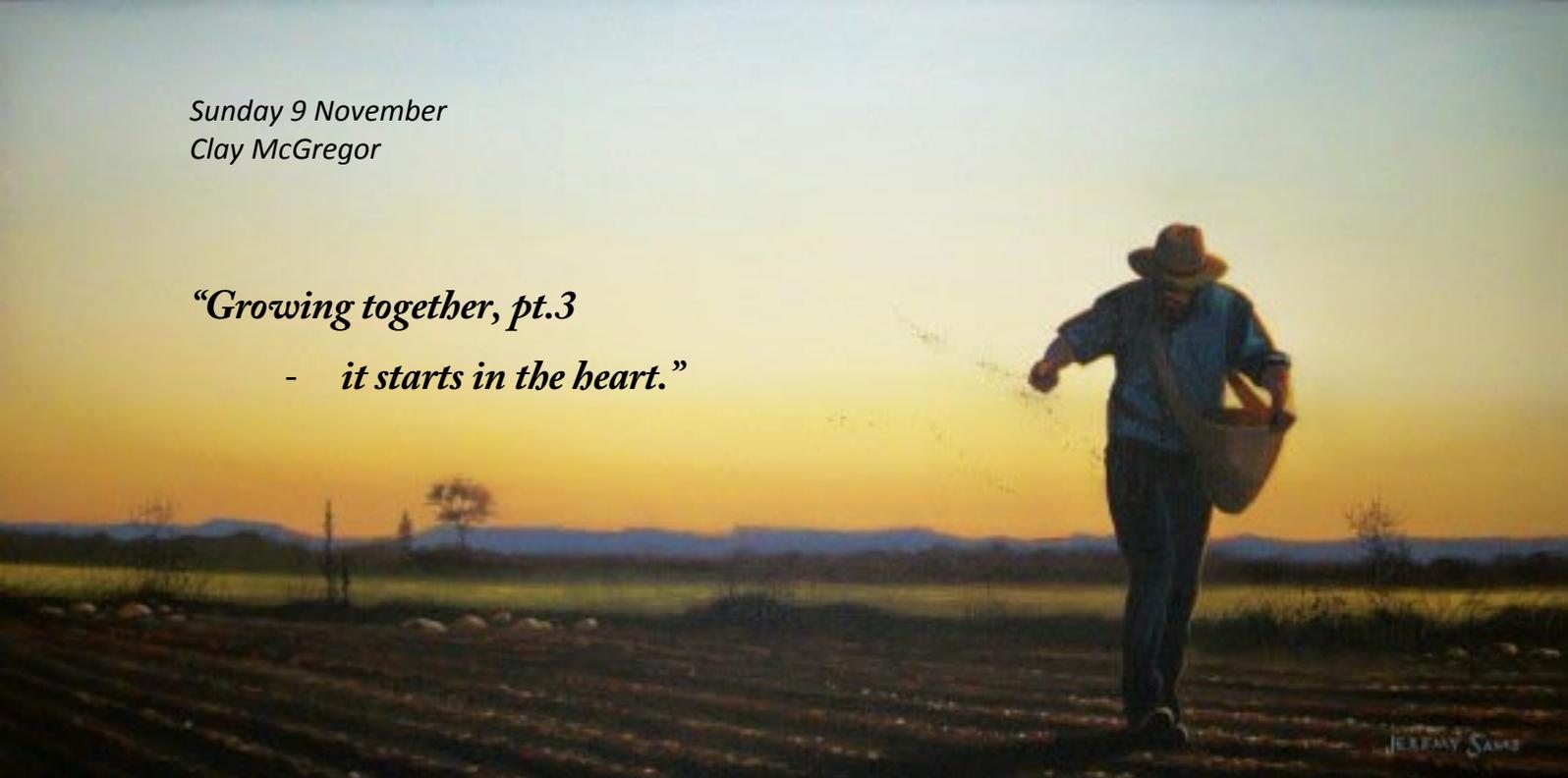


Sunday 9 November
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“Growing together, pt.3

- it starts in the heart.”



Key scriptures & points

1. Matthew 16:5-11, Luke 9:43-45 Jesus was often misunderstood, even by His apostles.
2. Colossians 2:2-3, His desire is for us to come into complete transformative understanding.
3. Matthew 13, Our heart condition determines the fruit of His word in our lives.
4. Mark 12:28-31, Our love and understanding flow from our **heart**, to soul, mind and strength.
5. Mark 8:17, Acts 28:25-27, Ephesians 4:18, a hardened heart is resistant to His revelation.
6. Proverbs 2:2, Proverbs 3:5, we must trust in Him in faith rather than our own reasoning.
7. Our heart is prepared to receive when it is humble.
8. Soaking in His Spirit softens our hearts.
9. Psalm 139:23-24, God can reveal the hardness in our hearts and lead us out of that unbelief.

Questions

1. What did you hear from God in this message?
2. How do you feel when you don't understand scripture or teaching from the church?
3. What do you think holds you back from understanding?
4. From the Parable of the Sower, which soil type do you think best describes your heart condition?
5. What is the difference between head knowledge and a “transformative understanding”?
6. What hardens our hearts?
7. What softens our hearts?
8. What is the Spirit prompting you to do with what you have received from this message and discussion?

Prayer

- Pray for each other, that we would grow in humility before God and each other.
- ...that God would examine our hearts to reveal to us our true condition and what may be resisting Him.
- ...that He would soften our hearts as we seek and soak in His presence.
- ...and for the will to submit our minds and other faculties under the leadership of our hearts.

Have a question about or thought on something in this message? Get in touch with Clay, he'd love to hear from you, clay@therock.co.nz