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Cut To The Heart

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Acts 2:36-37 NIV

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”
*When the people heard this, they were **cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”*

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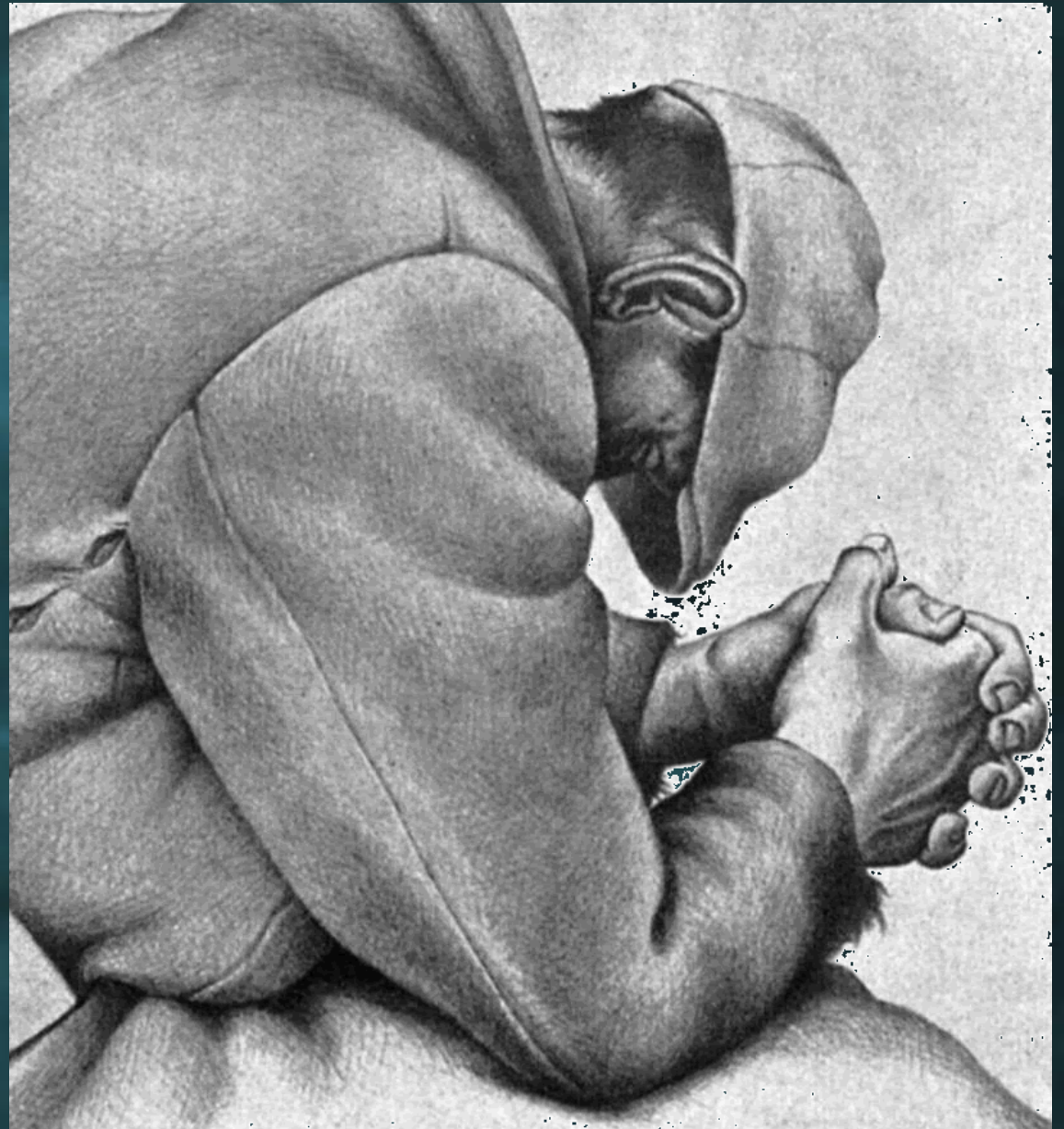
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Acts 2:37

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katanyssomai

- to prick, pierce
(metaphorically)
- sorrowful



Acts 7:54 NIV

*Now when they heard this [accusation and understood its implication], they were **cut to the heart**, and they began grinding their teeth [in rage] at him.*

diapriō

- to be sawn through mentally
- Feel of anger, frustration, rage



Why would we feel cut to the heart in the first place?

a. Truth in what we hear

a. Convicted by it

- message was the same
- preachers were on point
- hearers were attentive

What's the source of these contrasts?

Heart Issues



Michele Riley

Response Of The Heart

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



The Path




The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

A close-up photograph of a small green seedling with two leaves growing out of dark, rich soil. The seedling is positioned slightly to the left of the center. The background is a soft-focus blue and white bokeh, suggesting a bright, airy environment. The overall mood is one of growth and hope.

Luke 8:15

As for that in the **good soil**, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an **honest** and **good heart**, and **bear fruit** with patience....

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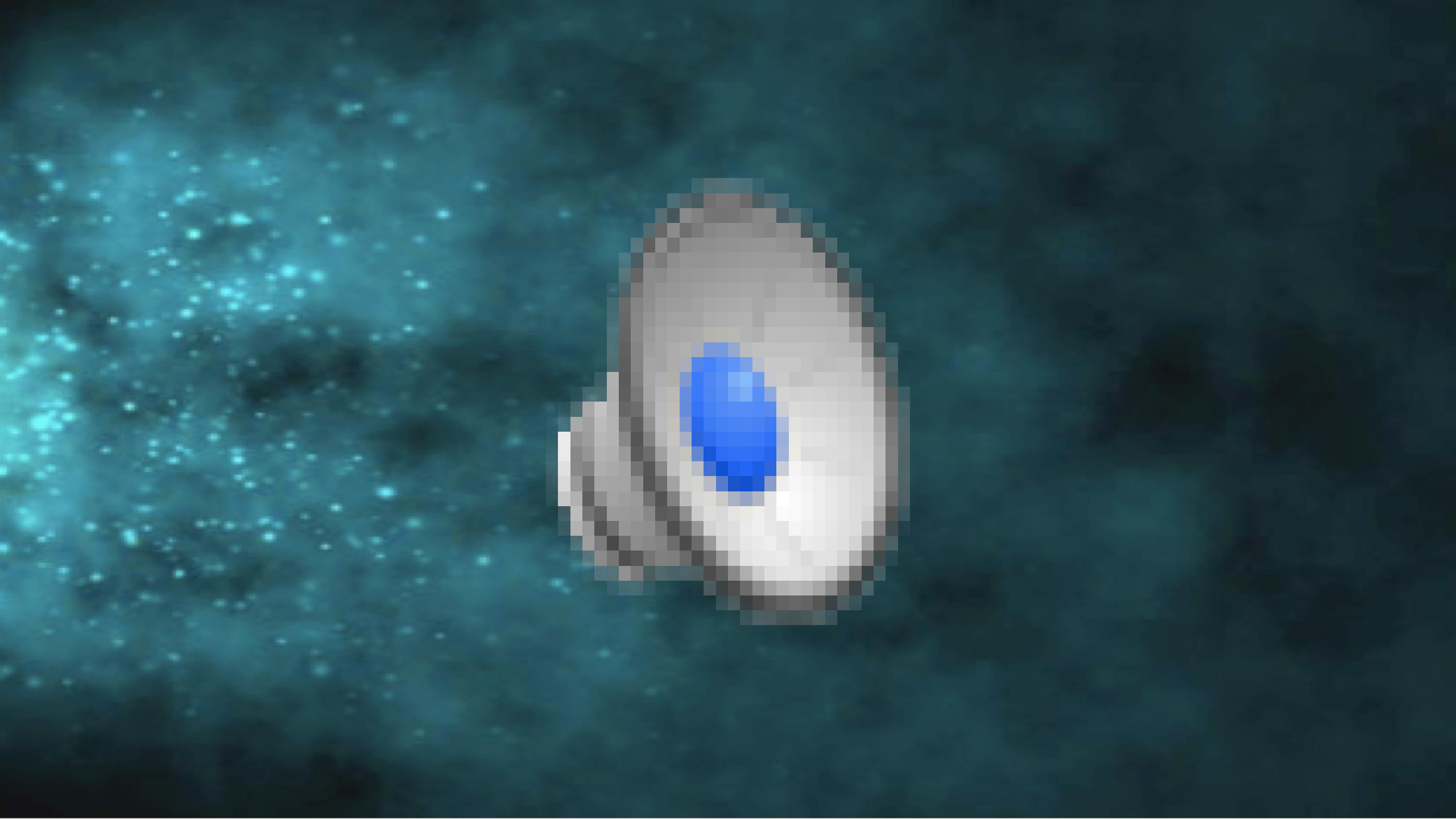
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What type of Soil are You?
Is God Growing in Your Heart?

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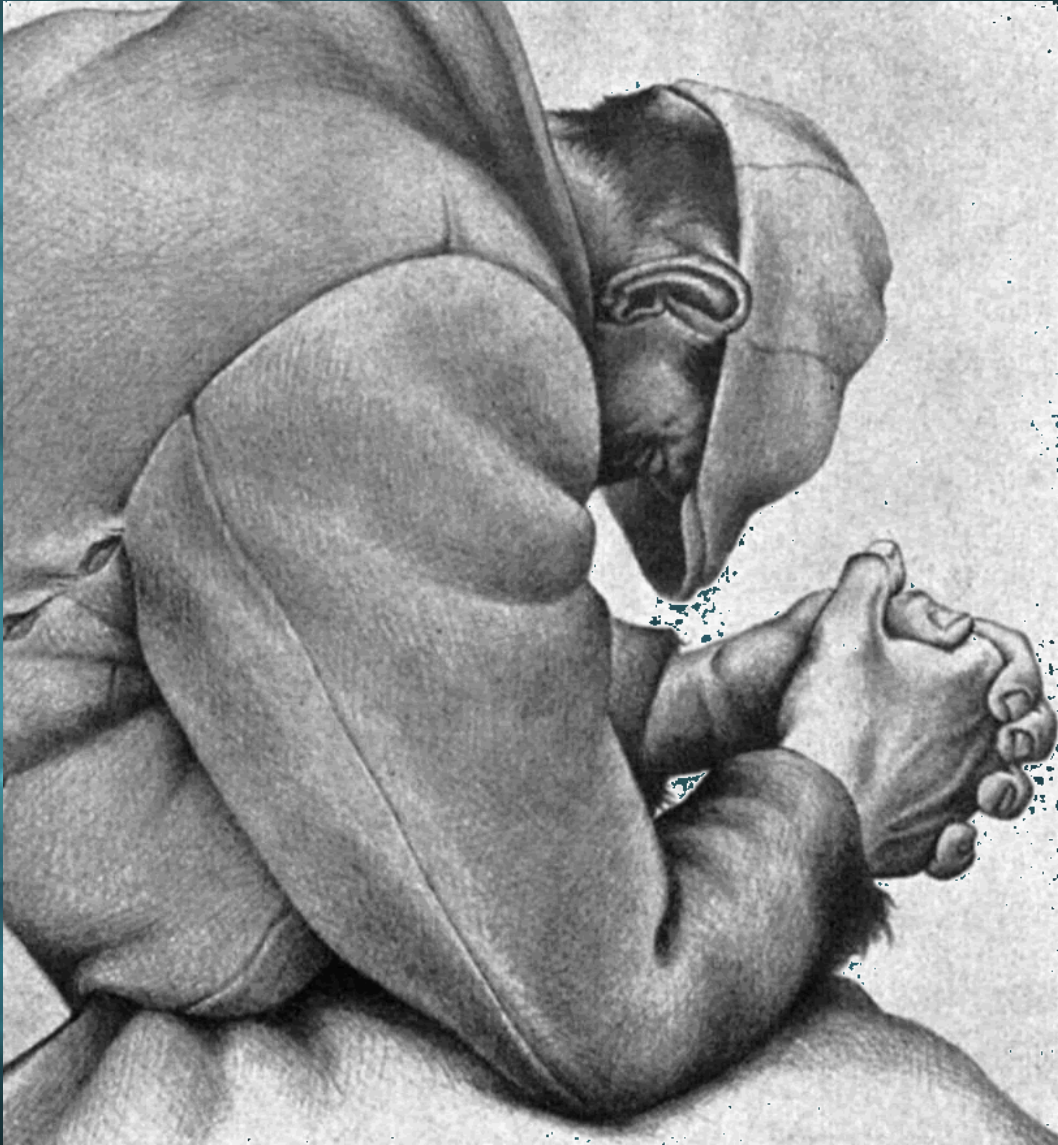
- Is this message from Peter just directed to all Israel?
- Was it not also because of our sins that nailed Jesus, our Lord and Messiah, on the cross?
- Is this message not for us? That it should move us to desire to be right with God?
- Do we allow the scriptures convict our hearts or frustrate us?





Keep thy heart with all
diligence; for out of it are
the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23



How do we examine our heart?



(Christians)

Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the **apostles' teaching** and to **fellowship**, to **the breaking of bread** and to **prayer**.

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<https://j.cccmy.org/resources/sermons/download-sermon/sermon/366-believeinprayer>

(Sanhedrin)

Acts 7:57-58

But they **cried out with a loud voice**, and **covered their ears** and **rushed at him** with one impulse. When they had driven him out of the city, they ***began stoning him...***



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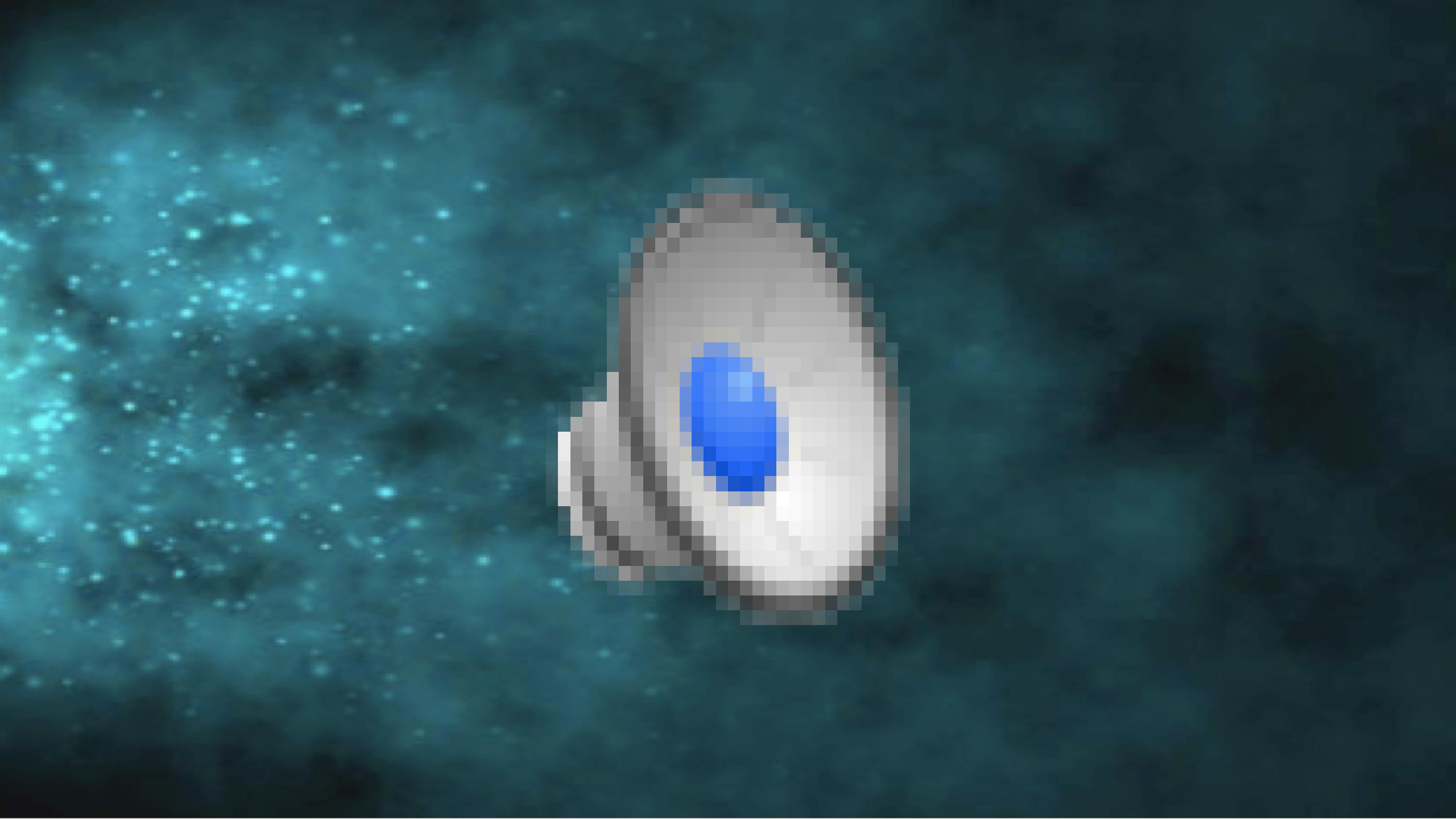
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Acts 25:1 (NASB)

...the high priest Ananias went down to Caesarea with some of the elders and a lawyer named Tertullus, and they brought their charges against Paul before the governor.

Does it make you wonder, how's my discipleship today?

Am I like the first century Christians or the Sanhedrin?





Reflective Questions:

1. *How is our heart responding to God's Word?*
2. *How's our discipleship today?*
3. *What is the one thing that we need to detach from in order to respond to God and practice discipleship?*



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