

# REFLECTION

**Presbytery of Riverside**

**June 7, 2018**

The Presbytery of Riverside Discernment Team requests that you pray and reflect on this month's question. As you receive a word from the Holy Spirit, please communicate that to the Discernment Team through the Presbytery Office, [riversidepresbytery.info@riversidepresbytery.com](mailto:riversidepresbytery.info@riversidepresbytery.com).

Luke 8.4-8

When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to [Jesus], he said in a parable: "A sower went out to sow...seed; and as [the seed was sown], some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it. Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

*"If you are not failing, you are not succeeding."*

This phrase is the new mantra for businesses experimenting with new products and services that will assure future success for the company. Some things work, others don't, but each 'failure' teaches the company something that moves them forward, adapting to the new business environment.

As you pray this month, what is God telling you about success and failure for the Riverside Presbytery?  
Do your prayers show you that God wants us to move  
in a certain direction?  
If so, what direction?

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