

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

THAT YOU MAY HAVE CERTAINTY

# The Importance of Hearing

## Luke 8:1-21

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**The Point: How we hear (receive) the Word of God is critical and it indicates our true spiritual condition.**

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**1: Many women heard and received Jesus' message and supported His ministry (8:1-4)**

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## Luke 8:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,

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## Luke 8:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup>and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

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## Luke 8:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup>and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

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## Luke 8:1-4 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable,

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**2: Jesus tells a story about  
different types of soil (8:5-8)**

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## Luke 8:5-8 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup>“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it.

## Luke 8:5-8 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture.

## Luke 8:5-8 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

## Luke 8:5-8 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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**3: Hearing the Word saves some and  
hardens others (8:9-10)**

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## Luke 8:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant,

## Luke 8:9-10 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup>he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’

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**4: Jesus explains the story He told is about  
how we hear and receive the Word of God  
(8:11-15)**

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## Luke 8:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

## Luke 8:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup>The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.



## Luke 8:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.



## Luke 8:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

## Luke 8:11-15 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>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.

**5: Be careful how you hear  
the Word of God (8:16-18)**

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## Luke 8:16-18 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>“No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.

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## Luke 8:16-18 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light.

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## Luke 8:16-18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup>Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

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**6: Those who hear and do the Word of God  
are truly in the family of God (Luke 8:19-21)**

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## Luke 8:19-21 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd.

## Luke 8:19-21 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>And he was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you.”

## Luke 8:19-21 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup>But he answered them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it.”

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