

## Luke 8 pt 2 vs. 16-25

<sup>16</sup> “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts *it* under a bed, but sets *it* on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light.

<sup>17</sup> For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup> Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”

<sup>19</sup> Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup> And it was told Him *by some*, who said, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.”

<sup>21</sup> But He answered and said to them, “*My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.*”

<sup>22</sup> Now it happened, on a certain day, that He got into a boat with His disciples. And He said to them, “*Let us cross over to the other side of the lake.*” And they launched out. <sup>23</sup> But as they sailed He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water, and were in jeopardy. <sup>24</sup> And they came to Him and awoke Him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”

Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there was a calm. <sup>25</sup> But He said to them, “*Where is your faith?*”

And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who can this be? For He commands even the winds and water, and they obey Him!”

1. Jesus gave a parable about 4 kinds of hearers

- a. By the wayside – packed heart
- b. On the stone– no depth
- c. Among the thorns – the choked out heart
- d. The good soil – the good heart
  
- e. We learned that this 4<sup>th</sup> soil is the only truly saved heart
  
- f. We agreed that there is no good heart of itself

**g. It has to do with preparation**

h. Each of us has the opportunity to respond to God's good news

2. Good soil will bring good fruit

a. Real believers are – FRUITFUL

b. Just as an apple tree produces apples, real believers produce fruit as well

c. Obedience is the fruit revealed in a real believers life

3. **Therefore take heed how you hear**

a. Just as there is fruit as evidence of real faith

b. Genuine faith is like a light

i. A light is intended for all to see

ii. There is nothing private about it

iii. Covering the lamp is absurd

c. It's very purpose of existing is to shine

d. Jesus is reemphasizing the point to those who say they are good soil

e. As you produce good fruit, a lamp is not to be covered

4. **No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed**

5. Jesus is the one lighting the lamp.

6. **What is the lamp?**

7. **Prov 20:27** The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts.

8. Jesus is the one who transforms the Spirit and connects us with God

9. God is all light

a. Our connection then with God will "light up" our spirits

b. As long as there is oil, there will be light

10. Time will reveal what is really on the inside

11. Sooner or later, the truth of what's on the inside will be revealed

a. The drunk husband snuck up the stairs quietly. He looked in the bathroom mirror and bandaged the bumps and bruises he'd received in a fight earlier that night. He then proceeded to climb into bed, smiling at the thought that he'd pulled one over on his wife. When morning came, he opened his eyes and there stood his wife. "You were drunk last night weren't you!" "No, honey." "Well, if you weren't, then who put all the band-aids on the bathroom mirror?"

12. **8:18 Therefore we should be careful how we hear**

a. To see if we've prepared our hearts and are of the good soil

b. To see if our lamp is burning

13. **To him who has, more will be given**

a. Whoever has eternal life, more life will happen

b. A deeper more intimate walk with God

- c. Just as a healthy plant grows and brings good fruit
  - d. Just as a healthy baby learns and grows and interacts with people on a less selfish level and a more loving level
  - e. The more I abide in Christ and listen with a tender heart, God will reveal new and deeper truths to me
14. "But from the one who doesn't have, even what he does have will be taken away."
- a. Those who go through the motions will have what they believed they had taken from them
  - b. Time will test what they really believe as we'll see
  - c. Many find that going through the motions doesn't help when tough times come
15. **(8:19-21)** Jesus was told that His mother and brothers were waiting to see Him. Because of the crowd, they could not get near Him
16. At this point, His family didn't understand fully who He is
17. It seems that this story is here for a couple of reasons
- a. To remind us that Jesus is a real person with a real family
    - i. In looking at His Divinity, we sometimes forget His humanity
  - b. To teach us that a real relationship with Jesus does not depend on natural ties, but on obedience to His Word

- i. How many people rely on their parents / grandparents who are walking with God and living a godly life as though that's going to cover them
- c. My mother and my brothers are these who hear the Word of God and do it

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> Sam 15:22** Obedience is better than sacrifice

18. How do we know if we really hear what Jesus is saying?

- a. **When we obey what He's saying**

19. **What is He saying to you?**

20. Could it be, "I must have lunch at your house today" (*Zacchaeus*)

21. Or maybe: "Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more"

22. To the disciples: Let us cross over to the other side of the lake

23. As they sailed, Jesus fell asleep

24. A great storm arose and they were in trouble

25. If the disciples were being obedient to what God said, then why this dangerous experience?

- a. **To teach us that trouble comes to all people**

- i. It happens to those who are not walking with God
- ii. Even those who are walking obediently to the Lord
- iii. God is able to use that trouble for our good

- 1. All things work together for good

**b. True faith will be tested**

- i. It reveals how well we truly listen
- ii. Just as Abraham's faith was tested
  1. As soon as Abraham obeyed, he found a famine
    - a. Are you going to walk by faith or by sight?
- iii. If you want to know something really works, you put it to the test
- iv. These tests are not for God to know, but for us
- v. To know if our faith is in God or in just deliverance
- vi. **O. Chambers:** Faith for my deliverance is not faith in God. Faith means, whether I am visibly delivered or not, I will stick to my belief that God is love. There are some things only learned in a fiery furnace.

**c. This storm was by design for them to know the Lord a bit deeper**

- i. That Jesus is not just a great preacher and has great wisdom
- ii. He doesn't just go around healing others and seems to be asleep when it comes to us and our needs
- iii. He wants us to know Him better
- iv. Just as Job's faith was tested in order to know God better
- v. **Job 42:25** "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear; But now my eye sees You;

26. The storm was on purpose and being asleep was on purpose
  - a. Now they could see that He is more than able to calm the storm
    - i. Learning to trust Jesus in this storms will help in future storms
    - ii. Some would be martyred for their faith and Jesus is there
    - iii. Others would see great deliverance and Jesus is there
27. What we can be sure of, weather we have a specific word from God or not, Jesus is in the believer's vessel
  - a. Our role is to hear, obey & trust in God's love & sovereignty
  - b. God is always in control