

## The Necessity of Authentic Hearing

Luke 8:1 - 21

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
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### Jesus preaching and evangelizing

- **Luke 8:1**  
Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,

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### Women who act on God's Word

- **Luke 8:2, 3**  
and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

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
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**The Parable of the Soils**

■ **Luke 8:4, 5**

When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him, He spoke by way of a parable: “The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.”

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
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**The differences are in the soils**

■ **Luke 8:6 – 8a**

“Other seed fell on rocky soil, and as soon as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. Other seed fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out. Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.”

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
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**Different Greek prepositions show that only the last outcome is favorable**

- Road:        *para* (beside)
- Rocky soil: *epi* (on)
- Thorns:     *en meso\_* (in the midst)
- Good soil:  *eis* (into)

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
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 The desired outcome is to listen, believe and obey: authentic hearing

■ **Luke 8:8**

“Other seed fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great.” As He said these things, He would call out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

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
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 “Hearing” that God approves means to believe and obey

■ **Ezekiel 3:27**

But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth and you will say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” He who hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, let him refuse; for they are a rebellious house.

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
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 Authentic “Hearing” - a theme in Luke

■ **Luke 6:47**

“Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock; and when a flood occurred, the torrent burst against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.”

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
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An allusion to Isaiah 6:9 –  
inauthentic hearing

- **Luke 8:9, 10**

His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant. And He said, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.”

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
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Inauthentic hearing: beside the road

- **Luke 8:11, 12**

Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

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
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Inauthentic hearing: rocky soil

- **Luke 8:13**

“Those on the rocky soil are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no firm root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.”

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
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 Inauthentic hearing: thorns

- **Luke 8:14**

“The seed which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.”

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
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 Authentic hearing: good soil

- **Luke 8:15**

“But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.”

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
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 Three possible responses

- No growth: seed on the road
- Some growth but no fruit: rocky and thorns
- Growth and fruit: good soil

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
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Disciples must make the Word known

- **Luke 8:16, 17**

“Now no one after lighting a lamp covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light.”

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
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A second call to authentic hearing

- **Luke 8:18**

“So take care how you listen; for whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.”

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
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The crowd is still listening to Jesus

- **Luke 8:19, 20**

And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. And it was reported to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.”

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
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A third call to authentic hearing

■ **Luke 8:21**

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

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
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1) Nothing is more important than listening to God’s inerrant Word

2) Those who hear and do not bear fruit have not listened

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
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1) Nothing is more important than listening to God’s inerrant Word

■ **1Peter 1:22, 23**

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

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1) Nothing is more important than listening to God's inerrant Word

■ **2Corinthians 4:2**

but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

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1) Nothing is more important than listening to God's inerrant Word

■ **2Corinthians 4:3, 4**

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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2) Those who hear and do not bear fruit have not listened

■ **Luke 6:49**

"But the one who has heard and has not acted accordingly, is like a man who built a house on the ground without any foundation; and the torrent burst against it and immediately it collapsed, and the ruin of that house was great."

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