



LUKE 8:4-15

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LUKE 8:4-8a

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

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When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand.’

ISAIAH 6:8-10

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

⁹ He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.’

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people calloused;
make their ears dull
and close their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

PSALM 81:8-12

- ⁸ Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—
if you would only listen to me, Israel!
- ⁹ You shall have no foreign god among you;
you shall not worship any god other than me.
- ¹⁰ I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of Egypt.
Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.
- ¹¹ “But my people would not listen to me;
Israel would not submit to me.
- ¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts
to follow their own devices.

LUKE 8:11-15

¹¹ “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

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ROMANS 5:3-5

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

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WHAT DO WE LOVE SPENDING TIME AND MONEY ON?

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TO REFLECT ON AND ACT UPON

1. What are the thorns and weeds that need to be uprooted in your life?
 - What has kept or is keeping you from uprooting them?
2. What fruits does God desire to grow and mature in your life that currently do not exist?
 - What action do you need to take for these fruits to be able to grow and mature?