

**Luke 8**  
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**Luke 8:1 – 18 Responsibilities of Faith**

*...And He said [to His disciples], "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.' Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside [the hardpacked paths or roads] are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with*

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*cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience..."*

Parallels: Matthew 13:3 – 23, Mark 4:2 – 20  
Isaiah 6:9 Seeing, they may not see...  
Romans 8:7, 1 Corinthians 2:14 Spiritual means are beyond the understanding of unbelievers.

**Luke 8:19 – 21 Hidden Assumptions**

*Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."*

Parallels: Matthew 12:38 – 50, Mark 3:31 – 35, Luke 11:24 – 36

**Luke 8:22 – 25 Incomplete Thinking**

*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. 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. 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. 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!"*

**Luke 8:22 – 25 Incomplete Thinking**

Parallels: Mathew 8:18 – 27, Mark 4:35 – 41

Daniel 9:24 – 27 Prediction of the destruction of the Temple after the Messiah

**Luke 8:26 – 40 Be Polite**

*Jesus and His disciples sailed across the Sea of Galilee to the eastern shore, the region of the Gerasenes or Gadarenes, depending on your translation. Almost immediately after landing, they met a demon-possessed man who lived among the tombs. He was known to be tremendously strong. The demons who possessed the man recognized Jesus and immediately assumed that Jesus was there to cast them into the abyss, which had been predicted by Zechariah 13:2. They were wrong about Jesus' immediate intentions, but it does illustrate that the demons knew that Jesus was the Messiah and that they would soon be cast into torment although not quite yet. The demons begged not to be cast into Torment but into a nearby herd of pigs. Remember,*

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*this was a Gentile region, so pork was popular and therefore a profitable form of livestock. Jesus agreed, but inhabiting the pigs set them into a frenzy, resulting in them running into the lake and drowning. The pig-herders ran back to town to tell everyone what happened. The villagers came out to investigate and found the formerly demon-possessed man in his right mind and, of course, about a thousand drowned pigs. The villagers asked Jesus to depart from their region, probably to avoid the loss of more livestock. The formerly demon-possessed man pleaded with Jesus to accompany the group back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, but Jesus told him to stay in his own region and tell everyone how he had been made well, which he did. Jesus and the disciples went back to the west side of the Sea of Galilee, the Israelite side.*

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Parallels: Matthew 8:28 – 34, Mark 4:35 – 41

Be separated from sinners (referring to church folks):

The divisive (Titus 3:10, Jude 19)

Calling bad things good (1 Corinthians 5:9 – 13)

Jesus did not come in the flesh (1 John 2:18 – 19, 4:2 – 3, 2 John 7 – 11)

Do not avoid the lost (1 Corinthians 5:10)

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*When Jesus returned to the western side of the Sea of Galilee, the Israelite side, He was met by a multitude. A man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, interrupted the crowd and begged Jesus to come to his house to heal his 12-year-old daughter. So, Jesus stopped what he was doing with the crowd to help this one distraught father who obviously had faith that Jesus could heal His daughter. Along the way, a woman with an issue of blood which she had been battling for 12 years caught up to Jesus from behind and touched His cloak, thinking that this would be sufficient to be healed. Despite the throng and its inescapable bumps, Jesus felt something when she did that and stopped and inquired who had touched Him. The disciples were*

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*incredulous that, in this jostling crowd, Jesus could have felt one, specifically. Finally, the woman confessed that she had done it, and Jesus comforted her with, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well." When they finally arrived at Jairus' home, he was informed that it was too late; the girl was already dead. When Jesus insisted that she would be fine, He was ridiculed, because everyone knew that she was, indeed, dead. But, Jesus took Peter, James, John, and the girl's parents into the room, shut the door, and raised her from death. And He cautioned them to tell no one how it had happened.*

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Parallels: Matthew 9:18 – 34, Mark 5:22 – 43

Receive the Word implanted (James 1:21)