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Be Careful How You Hear

Bible Reading: Luke 8:16-25

16 “No one, after lighting a lamp, covers it with a basket or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand so that those who come in may see its light. 17 For nothing is concealed that won’t be revealed, and nothing hidden that won’t be made known and brought to light. 18 Therefore take care how you listen. For whoever has, more will be given to him; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him.”

19 Then his mother and brothers came to him, but they could not meet with him because of the crowd. 20 He was told, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.”

21 But he replied to them, “My mother and my brothers are those who hear and do the word of God.”

22 One day he and his disciples got into a boat, and he told them, “Let’s cross over to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, 23 and as they were sailing he fell asleep. Then a fierce windstorm came down on the lake; they were being swamped and were in danger. 24 They came and woke him up, saying, “Master, Master, we’re going to die!”

Then he got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves. So they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, “Where is your faith?”

They were fearful and amazed, asking one another, “Who then is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey him!” (Luke 8:16-25 CSB)

SUMMARY:

In this section of Luke 8 Jesus calls his believers to be careful how they hear God’s Word. Jesus teaches that truth, like light, is meant to be received and lived out, not hidden or ignored. Hearing without obedience risks losing the truth we’ve been given, but those who truly listen respond with faith and action. Jesus reinforces this by redefining His true family as those who hear and do God’s Word. The calming of the storm then reveals why Jesus is worth listening to: He has divine authority, even over nature—He does what only God can do—showing He is truly God. Jesus’ message challenges us as Christians to move beyond passive listening to active obedience, cultivating a real, growing relationship with Christ through faithful trust and daily practice of “doing” His Word.