

We will now begin the eighth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /At this time we will begin with Luke chapter 8. /In verses 1-3, /it tells us that there were women who supported Jesus. /Jesus took His twelve disciples /and went from town to town preaching, and He trained the disciples. /At that time, some women followed Jesus.

/A feature of the gospel of Luke is that /women served Jesus with their own possession. /Jesus acknowledged the characters of those women. /Jesus chased out demons in these women /and healed them of their sicknesses. /The women were also healed of their spiritual sicknesses through Jesus.

/They received new life. /Thus, they were thankful, and they followed and served Jesus.

/There were noblewomen among the women. /There were lowly women as well. /They sold their possessions to serve Jesus. /They also supported the Lord's works. /Through them, Jesus' gospel ministry was carried out /without financial difficulties.

/Today, /God sends helpers /to whoever preaches the gospel of life. /God sends people to serve. /God sends people to serve with materials.

/Verses 4-15 is about the parable of the sower. /Large crowds of people gathered before Jesus in each town. /Jesus taught them with many different parables. /The "farmer" is Jesus. /Ministers serve Jesus.

/God uses ministers. /The "seed" is God's Word. /God's Word is life. /"The path" indicates those who hear God's Word but their hearts are too hardened to receive God's Word. /They do not understand.

/They hear and know God's Word, /but they do not receive it in their hearts. /They say that God's Word has nothing to do with them. /Therefore, the devil comes and takes the Word from them.

/Here, the "birds" indicate wicked men or the devil. /The seed that "fell on rock" were covered with a thin layer of dirt. /They sprouted, /but the roots could not grow deeper because of the rocks. /Thus, they all died when the sun came up.

/In this way, these people hear God's Word /and are temporarily happy when they receive it. /However, because their hearts are hard and stubborn like the rock /and there are sins and knowledge in them, /God's Word cannot grow its roots.

/Thus, when there are hardships, /persecutions, /difficulties and opposing powers against them because of God's Word, /they will give up and not believe.

/In verse 7, the "thorns" /indicate life's worries, riches and pleasures. /When these people hear the Bible, /they receive it with joy and believe. /They attend church and serve.

/However, because of life's worries /and greed for riches and pleasures, /they will not

root themselves in God's Word. /Still, these people have been born again because their roots and crops will not have completely dried up.

/These people believe in Jesus their entire lives, /but because of their worries, greed for riches, /and debauched lifestyles, /they will lose strength. /They will not make progress in their faith. /They will not bear much fruit.

/In verse 8, the "good soil" indicates those who hear God's Word and surely realized. /Those who understand the truth will act in truth. /In verse 15, it says that they are those who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

/Those who surely understand God's Word will act by it. /One grain of seed fell on the ground, /but it will produce crops thirty, sixty, and a hundred times more. /Those who hear but do not act by God's Word /show that they did not understand God's Word.

/For example, /those who understand that poison will kill them /will never eat poison. /We believers of Jesus must have hearts that are like fertile soil /so that we can bear fruit of faith.

/Those who are like rocky soil /must throw away human knowledge and wisdom, /and receive God's Word /and root themselves in it. /Whoever receives the Lord's Word with human knowledge and fixed ideas /will not understand God's Word, /and thus, they will not be able to root themselves in it.

/Hence, they will fall when /hardships and persecutions come. /That is why one must throw away their human knowledge /in order to correctly believe in Jesus. /Those who have hearts of thorns /must throw away worldly worries and greed.

/When we believers /worry about what to eat or what to wear /and worry, /they become thorns and our energy is sucked out of us. /We must be upright before God, /and we must be satisfied with striving to live by God's will.

/In verse 8, Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." /This means that those whose spiritual ears have opened should hear. /No matter how much human wisdom or knowledge one may have, /he cannot hear God's Word if his spiritual ears are not opened.

/Jesus spoke in parables to that /only the chosen believers could know God's secret. /The unchosen cannot know even if they see, and cannot understand even if they hear.

/In verses 16-18, /Jesus said to put a lamp on a stand and let it shine. /The lamp refers to believers who believe in Christ. /Believers are the light of the world. /Why are believers light of the world? /This is because there is the reborn spirit in believers.

/Believers have the work of the Holy Spirit in them, /and there are the works of God's Word. /The born again spirit shines its light through the Holy Spirit. /However, the lamp

cannot shine if it is covered with a jar.

/A jar is completely closed off in all directions. /This refers to greed in people's hearts. /Therefore, when we keep greed in our hearts, we become dark. /When the lamp is covered with a jar, it cannot shine its light. /The light inside cannot shine out. /Therefore, the jar must be broken.

/The light also cannot shine if it is put under a bed. /It is dark under a bed. /Beds are also used to sleep on. /This symbolizes the sleeping state of believers' faith. /This symbolizes the idleness of the flesh.

/Therefore, to keep the lamp on a stand /means to keep one's conscience of faith. /This means that we must put the lamp above all worldly things. /To put the lamp on top /means to make sacrifices. /Therefore, the light of the gospel of Christ will shine to all peoples /through our sacrifices.

/In verse 17, the "disclosed" refers to the gospel that is received through the spirit. /This is what it says in Matthew 10:27. /"What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; /what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs."

/This means to preach the truth to many people /through life in the spiritual small rooms. /In verse 18, "Whoever has" /is he who understood the truth. /He is one who uses his faith. /People like him will receive more.

/“Whoever does not have” /is he who did not understand the truth. /He does not use his faith. /These people will lose the things he has. /That is why those who understand God's truth will be blessed.

/Therefore, those who act according to what they understood and keep their faith are blessed people. /In verses 19-21, /Jesus spoke about his mother and brothers.

/Read verses 19-21. /Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

/Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him. /In Mark 3:21, /it says that they thought Jesus was out of His mind. /Jesus' mother and brothers became slaves of the devil. /Thus, they came to break down Jesus' salvation ministry.

/However, Jesus knew everything. /Jesus did not go outside. /Jesus said that all who heard God's Word and put it into practice /were His mother and brothers.

/Those who hear God's Word and put it into practice /are those who believe in Jesus and act according to God's Word. /Believers have been reborn. /Therefore, they received new life. /They received life from God.

/Because they received life from God, /believers are now Jesus' brothers. /Jesus lived with life from God. /We who have been reborn live according to God's will. /Therefore, believers live with life from God.

/That is why Jesus said that believers are His mother and brothers. /In verses 22-25, /the Lord commanded the wind and waves to be calm.

/Verses 22-25. /One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

/Jesus and His disciples went to the other side of the lake. /This was the Sea of Galilee. /This is the same story that is written in Mark 4:35. /There it says, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

/This happened while the disciples were in a boat with Jesus. /A squall came down and the boat was being swamped. /Water came into the boat and it became very dangerous. /The disciples were afraid that they would drown and die.

/However, Jesus peacefully slept. /Thus, the disciples woke Jesus up. /Jesus and the disciples were in the same boat and were in the same situation. /The disciples were afraid that they would die.

/However, Jesus was at peace. /Why was the Lord at peace? /Jesus was not afraid because He had great faith. /Why did Jesus have great faith? /First, He believed in the sovereignty of God.

/Life and death are in God's hands. /The Lord believed that no matter how strong the waves were, /He would not die if God didn't allow Him to die. /Second, Jesus was not flesh-oriented.

/He lived in spirit, and He lived in God. /Even if the body died, the life of the spirit would not die. /That is why the Lord was not afraid of physical death.

/Third, Jesus believed in God's power. /Fourth, Jesus had a calling that God entrusted Him with. /In the main passage, Jesus rebuked the ocean and the ocean became calm.

/Then the Lord said, "Where is your faith?" /Jesus rebuked the disciples for not having faith. /What faith did the disciples not have? /First, they did not have faith in God's absolute sovereignty. /Second, the disciples did not have faith of calling. /Third, they did not have faith in God's power. /Thus, Jesus rebuked the disciples. /The disciples

discovered that the winds and the water obeyed Jesus.

/Hence, the disciples were greatly amazed. /Jesus refined the disciples' faith /through this event. /In verses 26-39, /Jesus healed the demon-possessed man in Gerasenes.

/Verse 26. /They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee.

/Gerasenes is located east of Galilee. /It is in the region of Gadarenes. /In Matthew 8:28, /the region is called Gadarenes. /In verse 27, it says the demon-possessed man was not wearing any clothes.

/The devil makes people take off the clothes of righteousness and morals. /Thus, the devil disgraces people /and makes them embarrassed /so that they are not even treated like humans.

/The man also lived in tombs, /which means that those who is led by the devil /cannot spiritually eat. /The man did not live in a place that was livable. /He was led to the valley of death and was miserable.

/However, the demon-possessed man here and insane people are different. /Insane people are mentally disabled. /The demon-possessed are controlled by demons.

/In verse 28, the demon said, "Jesus, Son of the Most High God." /Even the demon knew that Jesus is the Son of God. /However, the demon did not believe in Jesus and was not saved. /What was the reason for this?

/Jesus saves chosen believers. /He does not redeem demons. /In Matthew 1:21, it says Jesus will save His people from their sins. /Second, Jesus came to judge the devil.

/The devil said, "What do you want with me?" /The devil knew that Jesus had nothing to do with him. /Thus, the devil said, "don't torture me." /The devil will deceive God's judgment. /The devil also knows that he will be forever tormented in hell.

/In verse 29, Jesus commanded the filthy demon. /"Come out of this man." /Jesus is powerful. /Thus, He rules over the devil. /The devil is stronger than man.

/Therefore, he takes them and makes them his tools. /He brings harm. /Then why was this man controlled by the devil? /This was because he was greedy and did not use the conscience of his faith.

/Thus, we must always use the conscience of our faith. /When we follow the good conscience, we can defeat the devil.

/In verse 30, Jesus asked, "What is your name?" /The Lord did not ask because He did not know. /This was so that Jesus could reveal the demon's nature to the people.

/The devil said he was Legion. This is a Greek term. /Greek is derived from Latin. /The Legion refers to the legion of six hundred men in the Roman army. /Therefore, the word “Legion” means that there were a large number of demons.

/In verse 31, Jesus spoke of the Abyss, /and this is a deep place that has no end. /This is what it says in Revelation 20:1-3. /The devil will be locked in the Abyss for a thousand years.

/In verses 32-33, /Jesus let the demon go into a herd of pigs as it asked. /Thus, the pigs drowned in the lake. /Why did Jesus let the demon go into the herd of pigs?

/First, any business that is done with greed will be judged by God. /Second, it was to show that demons bring damage. /Third, it was to show that although demons cannot be seen with the eyes, they do exist. /Fourth, it was to show that one person’s soul is more important than two thousand pigs.

/Here, Jesus did not listen to the devil’s pleas /for no apparent reason. /The demon merely sought after what Jesus was going to do.

/In verses 34-37, /the people of Gerasenes begged Jesus to leave them. /How joyful was it for a man to be have healed of his sickness? /However, these people were afraid that their pigs would die as well.

/Thus, they begged Jesus to leave the area. /They considered their pigs more important than Jesus. /They considered materials more important than a man’s life.

/Their eyes were darkened with greed. /Thus, they did not recognize the Lord or their neighbors. /Ultimately, they did not receive Jesus. /They became pitiful people who rejected Jesus.

/In verses 38-39, /the man who was demon-possessed /asked Jesus if he could go with Him. /However, Jesus sent him away. /There were those who needed to be with Jesus for the gospel. /There were also those who needed to evangelize in his home to his family and neighbors.

/There needed to be someone to be the salt and light. /There needed to be someone who would work for the gospel movement. /In verses 40-56, /Jesus healed a bleeding woman /and also brought Jairus’ daughter back to life.

/Verse 40. /Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

/It says, “when Jesus returned.” /Jesus left Gerasenes /and returned to His town of Capernaum. /Many people waited for Jesus there and received Him.

/In verses 41-42, /the twelve-year old daughter of Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, was dying. /Jairus came to Jesus and begged that He save his daughter. /However, something happened /when Jesus was on His way to Jairus' house.

/In verses 43-44, /there was a woman who was subject to bleeding for twelve years. /No one was able to heal her. /However, the woman came behind Jesus and touched His cloak, and she was healed. /The woman believed that she would be healed if she even touched Jesus' cloak.

/It happened according to her faith. /However, the woman wanted to hide herself after she was healed. /However, Jesus asked who it was that touched Him. /The Lord looked for the woman.

/Then Peter said, /"Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." /Peter meant, "There are many people here." /"It is impossible to know who touched you."

/Then what did Jesus say? /"Someone touched me." /"I know that power has gone out from me." /Jesus saw the woman's faith. /The Lord healed her bleeding with God's power.

/Jesus said this because /the woman tried to hide it. /When the woman heard Jesus speak, /she knew that she could not hide anymore. /Thus, she came forward and fell at Jesus' feet. /She confessed what she did.

/What we must know /is that we must not remain still after we receive grace. /When we stay still after we receive grace, the grace will disappear. /When we receive grace, we must use our faith.

/We must give thanksgiving and glory to the Lord. /We must testify to others. /We must be thankful for God's grace, /offer God our bodies and hearts and materials, /and we must glorify God with changed lives.

/What does it mean to be changed? /It is to love those whom we cannot love. /It is to forgive our enemies. /It is to be faithful to God. /It is to live for God.

/We must be thankful for God's grace /and we must use our faith. /When we receive grace, /we must use it so that it would grow. /Then we will bear fruit. /Then we will receive more things. /We must glorify God /when we receive grace /as believers.

/In verse 48, Jesus said, "your faith has healed you." /This woman had good faith. /She believed that she would be healed /even if she touched Jesus' cloak.

/The woman believed in Jesus /because of her bleeding. /Thus, she believed that no one except Jesus Christ would heal her of her sickness. /Thus, the woman admired Jesus. /She waited with an earnest heart and then went before Jesus.

/When we think deeply about Jesus, /we will know the truth about Jesus more deeper.
/Therefore, believers must think deeper about Jesus /and work hard to get to know Jesus more.

/In verses 49-50, /a man came from the house of Jairus /when he was on his way home with Jesus. /The man said that Jairus' daughter had died, and so he didn't need to bother Jesus anymore. /Then, Jesus said, /"Don't be afraid; just believe."

/Jesus said that then the girl would be saved. /Believers do not have to be afraid of death. /This is because Jesus is the resurrection and the life. /The Lord has the power to bring the dead to life. /The Lord gave us spiritual life that will never die. /Faith is power, /resurrection, /and the way to life.

/In verses 51-54, /Jesus took Peter, John, James, and the girl's parents /into the room. /Jesus did not take other people because they would be a bother when He prayed. /Jesus took the girl by her hand.

/Jesus said, "My child, get up!" /The girl's spirit returned and she stood up at once. /Jesus taught that He is the resurrection and the life. /Jesus showed the people that He is life.

/Then Jesus commanded the people to give the girl something to eat. /When Jesus saves someone, /they must eat to continue to live. /God saved the girl, /so now the people were to give her something to eat.

/This means that one must do what he must do. /Then lastly in verse 56, /Jesus ordered the people not to tell anyone what had happened. /This meant to hide the Messiah.

/Jesus was going to publicly show that He was the Messiah /after He carried the cross. /This was because Christ's salvation movement would be completed through the cross.

/With this we will conclude the eighth lecture on the gospel of Luke. /Thank you.