

Listening to Jesus in Luke 8

It is grace to come face to face with Jesus in Luke 8:4-21. The following questions become ours if we are listening. Talk and pray about these things together this week.

When Jesus speaks, or the Bible is read, do I tend to become more dialed in or do I tune it out? (see Luke 8:10)

If God's Word is living seed:

will I sow the seed of the Word of God by telling others His Words?

Have I just been a fan of some of the things He said, the things He offered, but found myself completely skeptical of His truth and goodness because my life hurts?

Was I once really into Jesus and His words... but to be honest, I am into other things now... concerns, ambitions, desires that have choked my interest in Jesus to death?

Am I trusting and persisting in endurance, my roots dug deeply in His Word daily, and able to see the restoration & life He is producing in and through me?

If God's Word is our light:

do I keep it "out of sight, out of mind"... or available at times in small doses... or like the sunrise, is God's Word always before me, the light by which I see every relationship, issue, and ambition in this life?

Am I pretending that because I used to read the Bible a lot that I still do? Am I pretending that I am supposed to read it and memorize it and pray about it... instead of trusting and obeying God's Words?

In what ways do Jesus' Words affirm and encourage me today?

In what ways do Jesus' Words lovingly expose my foolishness and call me to confess, repent, and be restored by His Words today?

*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen,
not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."
C. S. Lewis, from "The Weight of Glory"*

