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Luke 8:4–15

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“If Jesus was everything He claimed to be, why didn't everyone believe? Why did the majority reject His message?” That question is still valid today. Why does a wife believe and her spouse rejects the Gospel? How can two children raised by the same parents end up with one an atheist and the other a devoted Christian? Why does the same Gospel produce such different results? Jesus told this parable to help us understand our hearts:

THE MULTITUDE AND THE PARABLE OF THE HEARTS (v. 4)

We live in a world obsessed with numbers and impressions. But Jesus never confused *crowds* with *disciples*. The crowds are enormous, but they didn't fool Jesus. He knew many weren't really listening (Matthew 7:13). And so, He told a story not just to teach them, but to confront them. To reveal their hearts.

THE MOTIVE FOR THE PARABLE OF THE HEARTS (vv. 9–10)

- a. **To reveal the truth to those who are spiritually responsive.**
 - The disciples are privileged to receive these things. What is given are secrets about the Kingdom of God revealed only to Christ's followers. That's still true today (1 Corinthians 2:12–14).
- b. **To conceal the truth from those who are scoffing.**
 - Jesus quoted Isaiah 6:9 to drive this point home: if we do not respond in faith, eventually hardness of heart sets in, and God acts to judge.

THE MEANING OF THE PARABLE OF THE HEARTS (vv. 5-8; 11–15)

- a. **Along the path: the hardened listener.**
- b. **On shallow soil: the superficial listener.**
- c. **Among thorns: the distracted listener.**

None of the first three hearts is converted. The superficial and distracted listeners look saved to most people, and that heightens the tragedy of those who look saved, or think they are saved, but are not.

- d. **The good soil: the fruitful listener.**

This alone reflects a genuinely converted heart. Some have more fruit than others because each believer has a different calling and varying degrees of faithfulness; however, the point of Jesus is that there will always be fruit!

Final Thoughts

As we examine ourselves to prepare for Communion, if you are sure you are in Christ, then examine your life for its fruit. Are you abiding in Christ and therefore bearing fruit that will last? (John 15:16) Or are you doing works of wood, hay, and straw that will not survive the evaluation of God? (1 Corinthians 3:12–13) ■



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Ang Parabula Ng Mga Lupa

Luke 8:4–15 (Matthew 13:1–15; Mark 4:1–12)

Ang ating Panginoon ay magpapalit ng Kanyang istilo ng pagtuturo sa Kanyang paggamit ng parabula sa unang pagkakataon. Matatagpuan natin Siyang nagtuturo sa may lawa ng Galilea kung saan Siya ay dinagsa ng maraming tao na nanggaling sa iba't-ibang bayan upang marinig lamang Siya – *“And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable”* (v. 4; Matthew 13:1; Mark 4:1). Sa Kanyang pagtuturo, Kanyang ipinakita kung paano tinatanggap ng iba't-ibang mga tao ang mabuting balita ng kaligtasan.

1. ANG PARABULA: ISANG NAGHAHASIK NG BINHI (vv. 5–8) – “A sower went out to sow his seed...”

- Ang ilan ay nahulog sa matigas na lupa na daanan ng tao, at tinuka ng mga ibon (v. 5b) – *“... some fell along the path...”*
- Ang ilan ay nahulog sa mabato na lupa at nalanta dahil sa kakulangan ng tubig at lalim (v. 6, Matthew 13:5-6; Mark 4:5-6).
- Ang ilan ay nahulog sa matinik na lupa na sumakal sa binhi (v. 7).
- Ang ilan ay nahulog sa mabuting lupa at nagbunga ng daang ulit (v. 8).
- Ang salaysay ay hindi nakatuon sa tagahasik o sa kanyang binhi, kundi sa lupa na kanyang tinatamnan.

2. ANG INTERPRETASYON NG PARABULA (vv. 11–15; Matthew 13:18-23; Mark 4:15-20) – “Now the parable is this...”

- Ang tagahasik ay ang ating Panginoon at Kanyang mga disipulo.
- Ang binhi ay ang Salita ng Diyos (v. 11).
- Ang ilan ay may matigas na puso sa Salita ng Diyos. Naagaw ito ng Diyablo upang hindi sila manampalataya at maligtas (v. 12).
- Ang ilan ay may mababaw na puso; tinatanggap ang ebanghelyo na may kagalakan ngunit hindi matibay laban sa mga pagsubok (v. 13).
- Ang ilan ay may makamundong puso; tinatanggap ang ebanghelyo ngunit madaling madaig ng mga kasiyahan ng sanlibutan (v. 14).
- Ang ilan ay nasa mabuting puso na tinatanggap ang ebanghelyo, kinakapitan ito na may katapatan, at nagbubunga sa kanilang masunuring pagtitiyaga (v. 15).

3. ANG DAHILAN KUNG BAKIT NAGSALITA SI HESUS SA PARABULA (vv. 8b-10; Matthew 13:11; Mark 4:11) – “...He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

- Upang ihayag ang katotohanan at buksan ang mga puso (v. 10a).
- Upang itago ang katotohanan sa mga saradong isipan (v. 10b; Isaiah 6:9).

Ang tagumpay ng pamamahayag ng ebanghelyo ay nasa katapatan ng maghahasik sa katotohanan ng Salita ng Diyos. Hindi niya hawak ang pagtugon ng mga pusong kanyang babahagin dahil ito ay nasa kamay ng ating mahabaging Diyos. Kaya napakahalaga ng panalangin upang kumilos ang Diwang Banal sa pagliiligtas ng makasalan. ■



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WORSHIP WITH US AT GCF ORTIGAS

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM English
10:30 AM English
Auditorium B

3:00 PM Filipino
5:30 PM English
Auditorium A

SATURDAYS

5:30 PM Traditional
Auditorium B

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM
Ortigas Community Worship
GCF Chapel, Ground Floor

■ Livestream is available during the 10:30 AM and 3:00 PM Sunday Services. The recording of the Traditional Service will be streamed on Sundays at 5:30 PM.

KIDS on SUNDAYS

8:00 AM Kids L.I.F.E. Sunday School
Ages 2–6 and 7–13 • 4th Floor
10:30 AM Ages 1.5–3 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 4–13 • 4th Floor
3:00 PM & 5:30 PM Ages 3–5 • Toddlers' Center
Ages 6–13 • 4th Floor

YOUTH on SATURDAYS

4:00 PM Youth L.I.V.E. Discipleship Gathering
For ages 13 to 20 • Fellowship Hall

YOUNG ADULTS on FRIDAYS

7:00 PM YA Fridays
For ages 20s to 40s • Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY on SUNDAYS

9:30 AM Sunday Bible School (SBS)
Open to all • GCF Chapel
9:30 AM & 4:30 PM "Like Jesus" Youth Bible Study
For all high school students • Room B124
9:30 AM Men's Growth Group Express
Open to all men • Room A107a

PRAYER HOUR on THURSDAYS

8:00 PM GCF Family's Hour of Prayer
Open to all • Online via Zoom
Zoom link: bit.ly/GCFHourOfPrayer
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 • Passcode: 984990

OUTREACH on WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Ortigas Community Outreach
Open to all • Fellowship Hall

TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

Share this with your friends and family who need to know Christ!

THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

"Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy." (Revelation 15:4)

THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Romans 3:23)

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth." (Romans 1:18)

THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

"Jesus said 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:6)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

"The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:28–30)

WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

"Lord Jesus, be merciful to me—a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen."

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT GCF ORTIGAS

QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group? Looking to apply for church membership? Curious about the various ministries? Visit the new INFO HUB at the Lobby.

ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you! Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at gcf.link/GCFWelcome

DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help. Call the GCF ERCC Hotline at 0917 532 7794

Membership Class

July 6, 13, 3 sessions
and 20 9:30 AM – 12:00 NN
Sundays Room B302, 3rd Floor
Register via gcf.link/Membership

Spiritual Gifts Class

July 27 1 session
Sunday 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Room B302, 3rd Floor
Register via gcf.link/SpiritualGifts

CONNECT GT Day Identity Series: "Why Am I Here?"

July 13 12:00 NN – 4:00 PM
Sunday Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas
Speaker: Pastor Larry Pabiona
Open to all BPO employees and friends!
Register for free via gcf.link/ConnectGTDay

Basic Missions Awareness Course

July 19 2 sessions
and 26 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Saturdays Room B117, GCF Ortigas
Limited slots only!
Register for free via gcf.link/BMACourse

REFUGE: Young Adults Retreat 2025

August Timberland Highlands Resort,
22–24 San Mateo, Rizal
Friday to For ages 20 to 40+
Sunday including college students
Retreat Fee: Php 4,000 (all-inclusive)
Register via gcf.link/YARetreat2025

Shower of Blessings for GCF Rizal

Together, let's bless our new church plant! To see the list of needs, visit gcf.link/BlessRizal or scan the QR Code.

Designate your offering labeled, "for GCF Rizal" For inquiries, contact grace.mosquera@gcf.org.ph



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WHAT ARE THE VENUES FOR DISCIPLESHIP IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If we define discipleship by the narrower concept of “edifying and equipping,” we have at least three venues:

- 1. The Pulpit** sets the tone and acts like the thermostat in setting the spiritual temperature of the church. A shallow pulpit that focuses on felt-needs rather than leading people to focus their eyes on a glorious God and His Word can only harm the church. Yes, an anthropocentric church may grow rapidly and even reach massive proportions. Still, it will either be a house of cards that collapses someday, or worse, will continue to thrive because the enemy of God will never oppose it. God’s church must focus on God and His Word, not man and his needs.
- 2. Small and medium-sized groups** are another venue. We call our small groups “Growth Groups” (or GG) because these relationships are based on the acronym **GROW** (God’s Word, Relationships, Outreach, Worship), like the church as a whole. Most GG Leaders follow the Sermon Series using a weekly Study Guide. Medium-sized groups, such as Joy Women, YA Fridays, and Men’s Fellowship, are other excellent ways to get to know other GCFers and grow spiritually together with them. We also offer regular training in various ministries (e.g., How to Lead a Growth Group, How to Witness, etc.).
- 3.** There are **one-on-one discipleships** (or small groups of 3 or fewer) where life-on-life is practiced more intensely, intimately, and intentionally. This is both for new Christians and those being mentored for leadership. Many church leaders (Pastors, Elders, Deacons, GG Leaders) do this, and if you are looking for a discipler, please let our church leaders know, and we’ll be glad to help.

Note that Jesus never discipled “Christians.” He discipled people. So, the broader definition of discipleship really begins with evangelizing someone, all the way to helping them become active in ministry or even leadership, as Jesus did. ■

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