The King’s Words | Luke 8:4-21

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**Overview and Notes**

Faith comes from hearing so we must listen carefully to Jesus. We listen carefully to Jesus' words by:

1. Holding fast to them (4-15)
2. Studying them (16-18)
3. Obeying them (19-21)

**Reflection and Prayer**

1. This passage highlights various things that hinder us from holding fast to God's word: trials, pleasures of this world, personal desires. What things in your life take your mind off of Christ's word?
2. God's word exposes the truth about God and ourselves. But even after reading God's words, it can be tough to recognize the truth about ourselves. How does God help us in this? And what should we do about it?
3. Jesus counts those who obey his words as part of his family. How is that an encouragement to hear and obey? How is this truth a comfort when life doesn't seem to be going well?