

## ***Brothers and Sisters***

### ***Luke 8:1-21***

#### **Getting Started**

- ❖ Chapter 8 opens with a reference to Mary Magdalene who had been possessed by demons. Why do we not see more people possessed in a way that it is obvious demonic possession is underway as they did in Jesus' day?

#### **Key Ideas for Discussion**

1. The Setting of the Parable (v.4)
2. The Details of the Parable (v.5-8)
3. The Purpose of the Parables (v.9-10)
4. The Explanation of the Parable (v.11-15)
5. The Application of the Parable (v.1-3;19-21)

Takeaway Truth: Those who love and obey Jesus are His true family.

#### **Exploring the Text**

- ❖ Why did Jesus begin to teach in parables? What is their benefit and their purpose?
- ❖ What are the details of the parable and what does each detail represent?
- ❖ Imagine you are in the original audience and heard the parable with Jesus' cryptic ending. What do you think your response would have been?
- ❖ Why did Jesus end his parable the way he did?
- ❖ How does this parable speak to our efforts at evangelism?

#### **Digging Deeper**

- ❖ Why do you think Luke took the time to mention the women in Jesus' following? How should his inclusion of women encourage us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what does it say about Christianity and the gospel?
- ❖ What obstacles have prevented acquaintances of yours from receiving the Word?
- ❖ Why is perseverance necessary for all who receive the Word?
- ❖ Which of life's worries has choked your growth as a Christian recently?

#### **Apply It**

- ❖ What spoke to you the most in this passage and message?
- ❖ How can the truth of you being the brother or sister of Jesus encourage you this week?

#### **Think About It**

*The parables separate the sincere seeker from the casual hearer. (Leon Morris)*

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

March 3, 2024 | Third Sunday in Lent

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### DOXOLOGY

*Words by Thomas Ken, 1709 | Music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551*

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### CORNERSTONE

*Words by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Edward Mote / Music by Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, Eric Liljero, Will Bradberry, 2011*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone; weak made strong in the Savior's love. Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, may I then in him be found. Dressed in his righteousness alone; faultless, stand before the throne.

### ONLY A HOLY GOD

*Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, and Rich Thompson, 2016*

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a holy God.  
What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice? Only a holy God.

*Come and behold him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God. Come and worship the holy God.*

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated? Only a holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer his only son? Who else invites me to call him Father? Only a holy God.

### THE BLESSING

*Words and Music by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes, Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick, 2020*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations and your family and your children and their children and their children. May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you, all around you and within you. He is with you, he is with you. In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going, in your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you.

He is for you, he is for you, he is for you, he is for .  
He is for you, he is for you, yeah.

### BE THOU MY VISION

*Ancient Irish Poem | Traditional Irish Melody*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night; Waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart: High King of heaven, my treasure, thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won; May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 32; Genesis 44:1-17; Romans 8:1-10; John 5:25-29  
MONDAY | Ps. 121; Genesis 44:18-34; 1 Cor. 7:25-31; Mark 5:21-43  
TUESDAY | Ps. 25; Genesis 45:1-15; 1 Cor. 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 27; Genesis 45:16-28; 1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29  
THURSDAY | Ps. 126; Genesis 46:1-34; 1 Cor. 9:1-15; Mark 6:30-46  
FRIDAY | Ps. 105; Genesis 47:1-26; 1 Cor. 9:16-27; Mark 6:47-56  
SATURDAY | Ps. 43; Genesis 47:27-48:7; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Mark 7:1-23

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Holy God, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your decrees are sure, making wise the simple. Help us to follow your ways, that our hearts may rejoice and keep your commandments, that our eyes may be enlightened. May we desire your word more than gold, and find all within it sweeter than honey. By your grace, may we be led by the Spirit, following the truth of the gospel and not the wisdom of this world; for we know that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



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