

A photograph of two men in traditional, dark-colored robes and white head coverings walking away from the camera on a dirt path. They are positioned in front of a large, rustic stone wall made of irregular, light-colored stones. The man on the left is wearing a dark green robe and has a light-colored satchel slung over his shoulder. The man on the right is wearing a dark purple or brown robe. The background shows some greenery, including a tree trunk on the left and some bushes on the right. The overall scene is outdoors and appears to be in a rural or historical setting.

“Nothing Hidden”

Luke 8:4-25

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What will we learn?

- ❖ Disciples of Jesus are called to hear the words of Jesus and put them into practice.
- ❖ Jesus has authority over all creation, including the weather.

Who is Jesus?

- ❖ Savior
- ❖ Christ
- ❖ Lord
- ❖ Son of David
- ❖ Son of Abraham
- ❖ Son of Adam
- ❖ Son of God
- ❖ Son of Man
- ❖ Suffering Servant
- ❖ Lamb of God
- ❖ Healer
- ❖ Great Teacher
- ❖ “Holy One of God”
- ❖ Bridegroom
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ Great Prophet

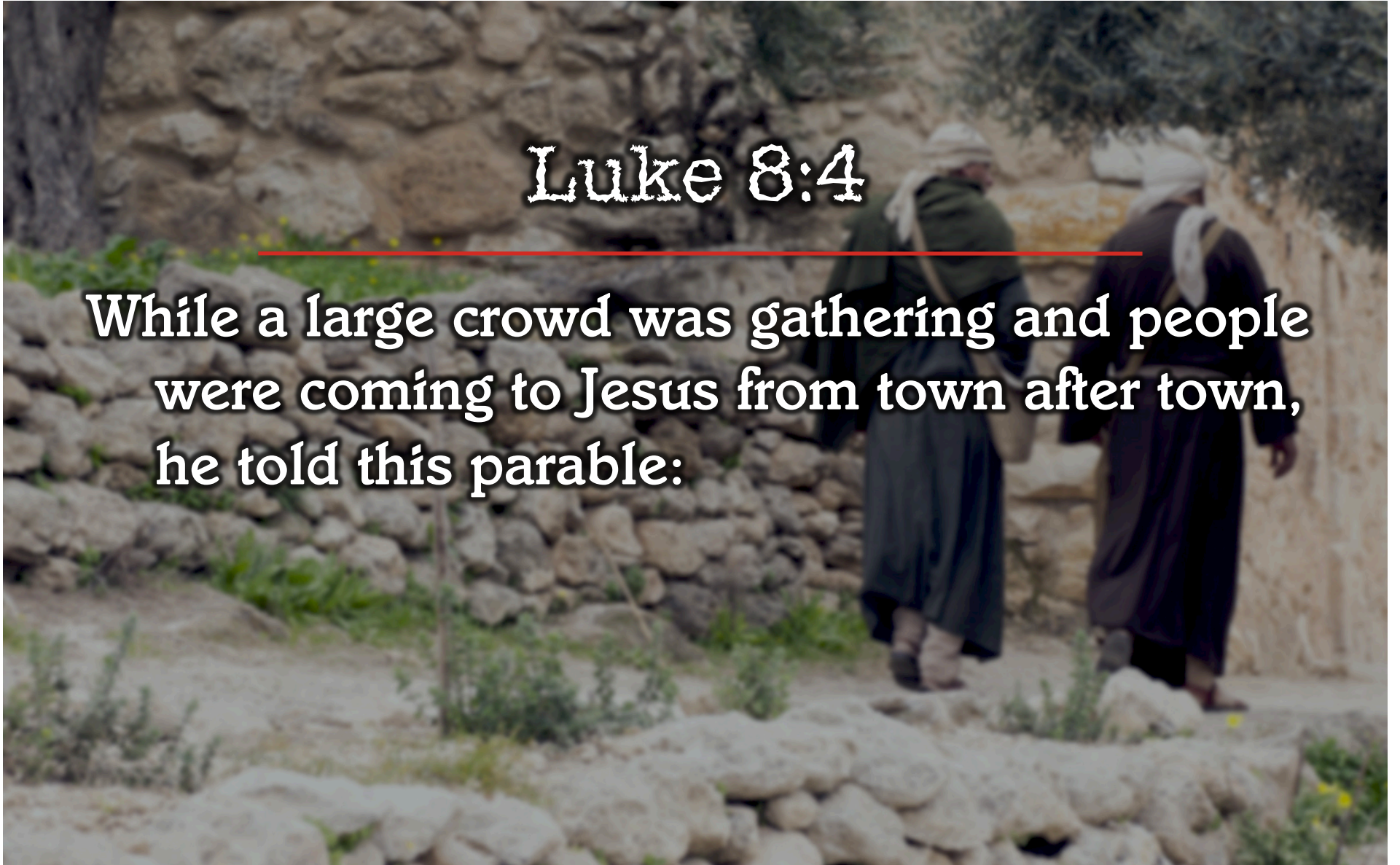
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Witnesses:

- ❖ Zechariah
- ❖ Elizabeth
- ❖ Gabriel
- ❖ Angel of the Lord
- ❖ Simeon
- ❖ Anna
- ❖ John the Baptist
- ❖ Jesus
- ❖ Demons
- ❖ Pharisees
- ❖ Crowds

Luke 8:4

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable:



Sea of Galilee

in the time of Christ

CHORAZIN

• BETHSAIDA

• CAPERNAUM

• TABGHA

• GENNESARET

Golan

• CANA

MAGDALA

SEA OF GALILEE

• GERGESA

ARBELA

TIBERIAS

Galilee

• HIPPOS

HAMMATH

• APHEK

• NAZARETH

SENNABRIS

JORDAN RIVER

Decapolis

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Matthew 13:35

So was fulfilled what was spoken through
the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables,
I will utter things hidden since the creation
of the world” (Psalm 78:2).

Parable of the Sower?

- ❖ Parable of the Seed = better title
- ❖ Parable of the Soils = even better title



Luke 8:5-6

“A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.

Luke 8:7-8

“Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”
When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Luke 8:9-10

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'"
(Isaiah 6:9)

Mysteries

- ❖ Daniel 2:28-30
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- ❖ Romans 16:25
- ❖ Ephesians 3:9
- ❖ Colossians 1:26



Luke 8:11-12

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

Luke 8:13

“Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.”



Luke 8:14-15

“The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.



Luke 8:16-17

“No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

A photograph of two men in traditional, long, dark robes and head coverings walking away from the camera on a rocky, uneven path. The background consists of a rough stone wall and some sparse vegetation. The text is overlaid on the image.

Luke 8:18

“Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

The background of the slide is a photograph of a stone wall. Two people, likely in traditional Middle Eastern or Middle Eastern-style clothing, are walking away from the camera on a path that runs along the base of the wall. The person in the foreground is wearing a dark, long-sleeved robe and a white head covering. The person behind them is also in similar attire. The wall is made of rough, grey stones. The overall scene is somewhat desaturated and has a historical or biblical feel.

Fred B. Craddock:

“Jesus’ parables do not bless all alike, without distinction. Those who lean forward to hear, who invest trust and commitment, who come to the altar of the word seeking, asking, and hungering — those are the ones to whom ‘more will be given.’”



Fred B. Craddock:

“Those who think they already know, who acknowledge no blindness, who listen with ears that register only likes and dislikes, who fold the arms across the chest waiting to be convinced or entertained, who want information without obligation — these are the ones who discover painfully that even what they thought they had has been taken away.”

Luke 8:19-20

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."

Matthew 1:24-25

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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Luke 8:21

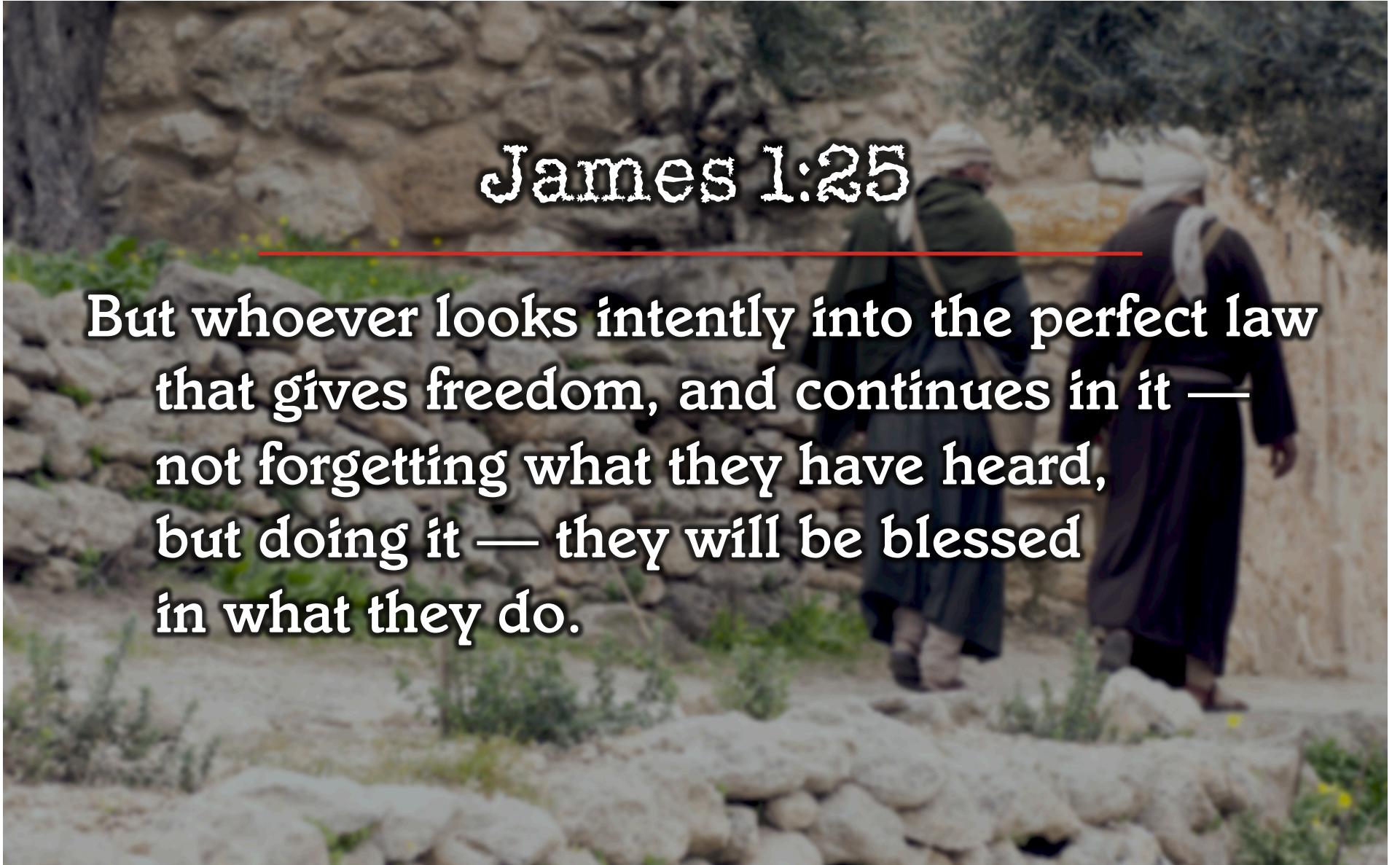
He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.”

James 1:22-24

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

James 1:25

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it — not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it — they will be blessed in what they do.



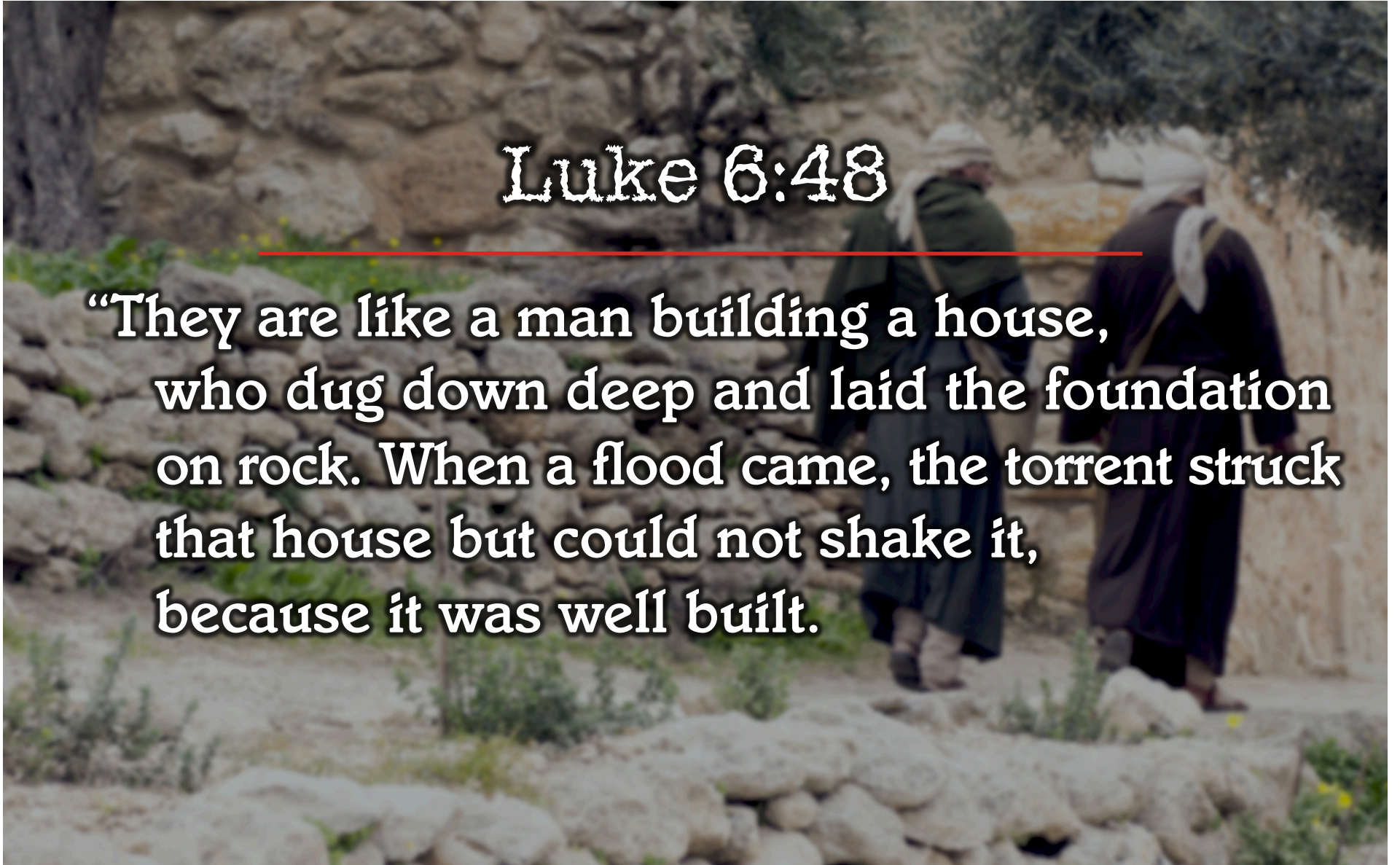
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Luke 6:47

“As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.

Luke 6:48

“They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.



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Luke 6:49

“But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

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Hearing + Doing =

- ❖ Good soil
- ❖ Ears to hear
- ❖ Noble and good heart
- ❖ Family of Jesus
- ❖ House upon the rock

Hearing x Doing =

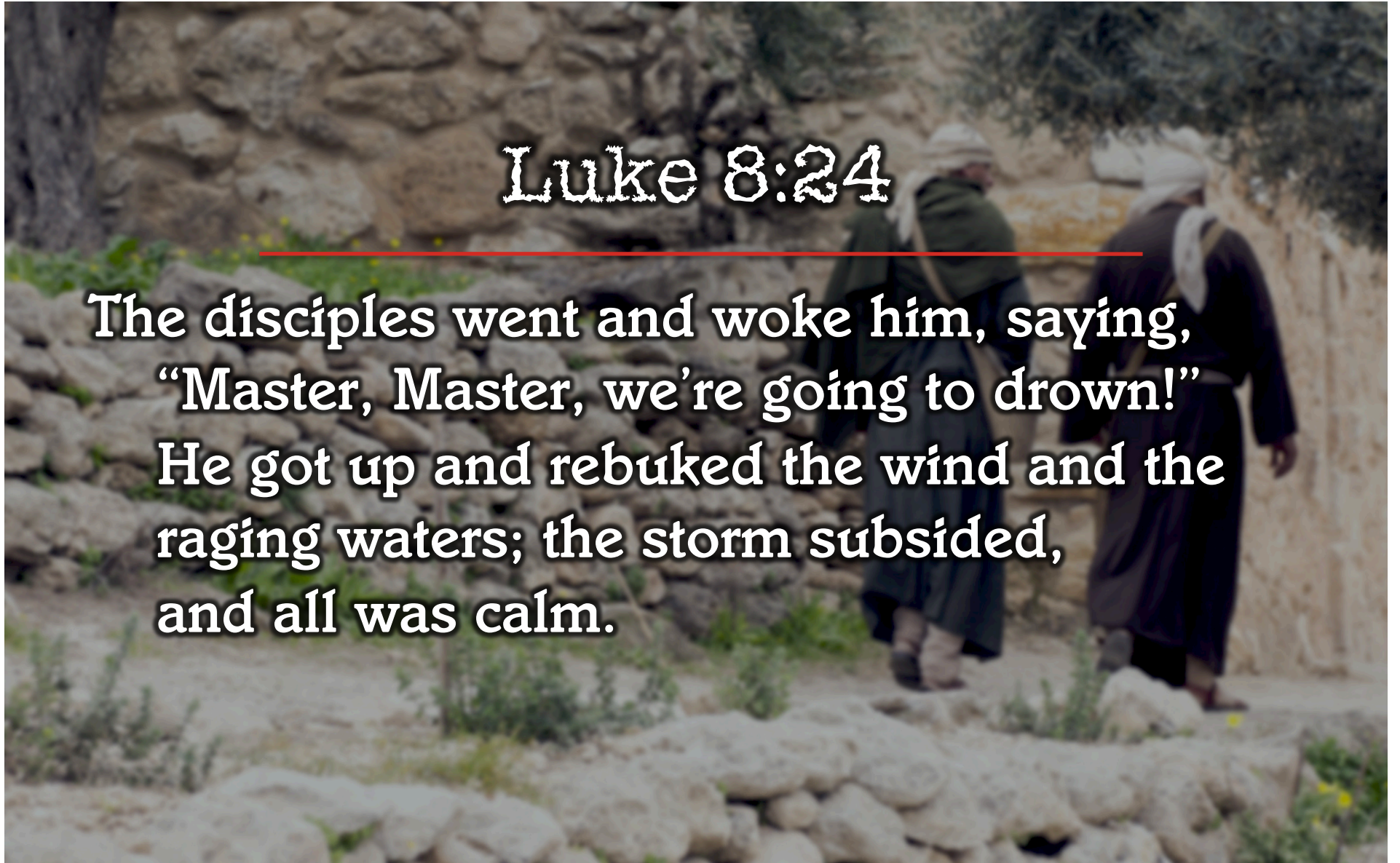
- ❖ Hear the word / retain it / persevere
- ❖ Fruitful
- ❖ Increased understanding
- ❖ Heirs with Jesus
- ❖ Firm during storms

Luke 8:22-23

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us 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.

Luke 8:24

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.





Luke 8:25

**“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.”**

Who rules the sea?

❖ Psalm 89:8

❖ Psalm 93:3

❖ Psalm 106:8

❖ Psalm 107:23

❖ Isaiah 51:9

❖ Ephesians 1:15-23

❖ Colossians 1:15-20

Colossians 1:15-16

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:17-18

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

Colossians 1:19-20

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Authority of Jesus:

- ❖ In his teaching
- ❖ Over demons
- ❖ Over disease
(near or far)
- ❖ Over the careers of
his followers
- ❖ To forgive sins
- ❖ Lord of the Sabbath
- ❖ Over death
- ❖ Over creation

What have we learned?

- ❖ Disciples of Jesus are called to hear the words of Jesus and put them into practice.
- ❖ Jesus has authority over all creation, including the weather.



The background of the slide is a photograph of two individuals dressed in traditional, dark-colored robes and head coverings, walking away from the camera on a rugged, rocky path. The path is made of large, light-colored stones and is bordered by a low stone wall on the right. The background shows a natural, outdoor setting with trees and foliage.

Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the Lord's Supper

Life Begins in the Womb

❖ Luke 1:15

❖ Luke 1:41

❖ Psalm 22:9-10

❖ Psalm 139:13

❖ Isaiah 49:1

❖ Jeremiah 1:4-5