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## “Hearing and Doing”

Luke 8:16-21

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### **Hearing and Doing**

Continuing the context: the potent word of God: Luke 8:11

Switching metaphors from seed to light

The Hebrew connection to Psalm 119:105

Jesus words as light: John 8:12

Light is expansive, hard to hold down, as is God's truth

Light exposes and reveals (flashlight/radioactive tracer material)

If used/followed/respected, the light will increase

It will bear fruit in the external world & lead to increased access to more light

Jesus' words internalized and followed create a positive compounding cycle: 8:18a

Words ignored, on the other hand, become drag-weights and hole-makers

Heavy, they slow and sink and drag other stuff into it: 8:18b

Examples of money and the ill-maintained car

Another way of talking about the good soil of 8:8

Jesus' mother and brothers: an example of hearing and not doing?

See Mark 3:20-21: how his family thought Jesus was out of His mind (also John 7:5)

True siblings are those who hear and do

The story of James, the apostle of “faith by works” (see James 1:19-25; 2:14-26)

### **Highland Life Circles This Fall**

The rhythm of hearing and doing

The danger of hearing without doing: overloading the airplane

The danger of doing without hearing: the riots of progressives and conservatives

The vision of Life Circles

The five areas of action steps:

Sermon app, 5 spiritual practices, mission outpost, shared mission, love each other

Intentionality and community

An invitation