

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: The Intimacy of Obedience

Passage: Luke 8:19-21 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Intimacy with God begins with personal faith in Jesus as Savior and continues with obedience to His Words.

I. Examples of Obedience in Luke 8

- vs 1-3 The women who traveled with Jesus and personally helped financially fund His ministry.
- vs 4-15 The good soil that received the seed and produced a crop of fruit.
- vs 16-18 The one who's faith and obedience is clearly visible to those around him or her.

II. Jesus's Mother & Brothers (8:19-21)

- Jesus' words were not dishonoring to his family.
- There are no "inside tracks" to Jesus. (family, home town, best friends, etc.)
- Intimacy with Jesus begins with faith in His person but continues through obedience to His words.
- Luke 6:46-49 introduced obedience to Jesus' words as the foundation to a life that lasts.

III. Application Questions

- How have you been defining your closeness/intimacy with God? In terms of feelings, family, familiarity, knowledge or obedience?
- What disobedience has God revealed to you today?
- What has Jesus instructed that you consistently struggle to obey?
- Obedience to God's word is a daily pursuit that requires our intentional response but draws us into real intimacy with the Savior.