

Want or Need

Faith moves us beyond knowing our need to actively seeking Jesus for an answer, receiving His Word in a receptive heart, guarding it through resistance, and bearing fruit as we hold Him and His Kingdom above everything else.

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March 9, 2026	Luke 8:4-18 ; Mark 5:25-34

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Keep Jesus at the center of worship and the Word.

- Worship is not a preliminary activity before something more important; Jesus Himself is the point of the gathering. ([Colossians 1:15-18](#))
- A life of worship continues beyond the service through daily acknowledgment, surrender, and attention to God. ([Romans 12:1](#))

“God, You are the message. You are the point. You are the person.”

STUDY [Colossians 1:15-18](#); [Romans 12:1](#)

02 Receive the Word as seed in prepared soil.

- Jesus identifies the seed as God’s Word and the soil as the condition of the hearer’s heart. ([Luke 8:4-15](#))
- The enemy, temptation, cares, riches, and pleasures all work differently, but each can prevent the Word from producing mature fruit. ([Luke 8:12-14](#))
- Good soil receives, retains, and bears fruit with patience and endurance. ([Luke 8:15](#))

“The seed is the Word of God.”

STUDY [Luke 8:4-15](#)

03 Take heed to how you hear.

- Hearing requires deliberate attention, because what is valued and guarded can increase while neglected truth can be lost. ([Luke 8:18](#))
- Guarding the heart protects the place where the Word takes root and directs the course of life. ([Proverbs 4:23](#))

“Take heed to how you hear.”

STUDY [Luke 8:18](#); [Proverbs 4:23](#)

04 Let desire move need into faith-filled action.

- The woman with the flow of blood did more than recognize her need: after hearing about Jesus, she pressed through the crowd and reached for Him. ([Mark 5:25-34](#))
- Her desire became corresponding action, and Jesus recognized the faith expressed in that pursuit. ([Mark 5:27-34](#))

“Desire added to need creates want.”

STUDY [Mark 5:25-34](#)

05 Keep pursuing Jesus through resistance.

- The Syrophoenician woman remained humble and persistent when the first response did not appear favorable. ([Mark 7:24-30](#))
- Bartimaeus refused to let the crowd silence him; he cried out more loudly until Jesus called him. ([Mark 10:46-52](#))
- Opposition, offense, and other people’s opinions must not decide whether a believer keeps reaching for Christ. ([Mark 10:48-52](#))

“His desire stopped the Lord.”

STUDY [Mark 7:24-30](#); [Mark 10:46-52](#)

06 Treasure Jesus and His kingdom above everything.

- The hidden treasure and pearl of great price show the surpassing worth of God's kingdom. ([Matthew 13:44-46](#))
- Surrender becomes a joyful response when a person sees Jesus as the treasure rather than merely a means of meeting a need. ([Matthew 13:44-46](#))

"He is worthy of it all."

STUDY [Matthew 13:44-46](#)

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Read the Word in context.

[Colossians 1:15-18](#)

[Romans 12:1](#)

[Luke 8:4-15](#)

[Luke 8:12-14](#)

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[Luke 8:18](#)

[Proverbs 4:23](#)

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How will you put the Word into practice?

What currently competes with Jesus for your attention during worship or time in the Word?

Which condition from the parable of the sower most closely describes your heart right now?

Where must desire become a concrete act of faith instead of remaining only a felt need?

What resistance, offense, or opinion must you press past as you continue pursuing Jesus?
