

Sermon Outline

New Here?



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“A Savior for Sinners”

February 8, 2026

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Luke 8:4-15

Introduction: When: Summer/Fall of 28 A.D. End of year of popularity, beginning of opposition)

Where: Capernaum, north side of the Sea of Galilee)

Resource: The Merged Gospels by Gary Crossland

A farmer had 30 sick sheep. Half of them died. How many are still alive?

1. The Parable Told (v. 4-8)

- A. It's the same seed
- B. It's the same sower
- C. The soil is different

2. The Reason for Teaching in Parables (v. 9-10)

- A. Some people have hard hearts and will not understand (v. 10; Isaiah 6:9)
- B. The focus should be which plants are thriving, not just surviving

3. The Parable Explained (v. 11-15)

- A. Never interested (v. 11-12)
- B. A short interest that never takes root and doesn't last (v. 13)

C. Faith seems to survive, but not thrive because of distractions (v. 14)

D. Faith that is solid and bears fruit (v. 15)

Application

Takeaway 1. If you are one of the first two soils, we are glad you are here!

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Takeaway 2. If you feel like the third soil describes you, you are not alone.

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Takeaway 3. The main point of the parable isn't the crop, it's the relationship with Jesus. The crop is a result of the relationship.

Takeaway 4. What are some opportunities to share about Jesus?

A. Natural: family, friends, co-workers, classmates, teammates

B. Organized: AWANA, Ole', youth group, men's/women's ministry

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Takeaway 5. What if I'm not good at sharing my faith?

A. It takes practice

B. It takes tools

C. Go for first downs, not always touch downs

What is your next step to helping others take their next step?

What's Next?

- February 15: "*The Glory of the Lord*" – Exodus 33, Pastor Corey Kugle
- February 22: "*God is...Compassionate* – Exodus 34:6-7 Pastor Corey Kugle