



Genuine: A Real Family

Luke 8:19-21

Luke 8:15, 8:18, Mark 3:20-21, 3:31-35

To be part of the family of God we must hear God's word AND put it into practice.

God's Word teaches us:

1. The truth about God.
2. The truth about man.
3. God's purpose is for our lives.

Romans 10:11-13, 17, Luke 8:12, 2 Corinthians 4:4

The fundamental difference is in the doing.

God's word means nothing unless we apply it to our lives.

The primary barrier that keeps people from getting into God's Word is the Time Factor.

What is it going to take for you to make God's Word, the Bible, a priority in your life?

Questions to help you while reading Scripture:

Is there a...

- Sin to confess
- Promise to claim
- Attitude to change

Command to obey
Example to follow
Prayer to pray
Error to avoid
Truth to believe
Something to thank God for?

Would Jesus consider you family?

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From Jesus's point of view, what does it take to be related to Him?

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Luke 8:15 NLT And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent honest, good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest.

Luke 8:18 NLT "So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."

Luke 8:19-21 NLT Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him, but they couldn't get to Him because of the crowd.²⁰ Someone told Jesus, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to see you."²¹ Jesus replied, "My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God's word and obey it."

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Mark 3:20-21 NLT One time Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon He and His disciples couldn't even find time to eat.²¹ When His family heard what was happening, they tried to take Him away. "He's out of His mind," they said.

Mark 3:31-35 NLT Then Jesus' mother and brothers came to see Him. They stood outside and sent word for Him to come out and talk with them.³² There was a crowd sitting around Jesus, and someone said, "Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you."³³ Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"³⁴ Then He looked at those around Him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers.³⁵ Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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“Why can’t you be more like your brother Jesus?”

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Romans 10:11-13 NASB For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; ¹³ for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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Romans 10:17 NIV Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

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Luke 8:12 NLT The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved.

2 Corinthians 4:4 NLT Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

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There is a fundamental difference between getting into the word and allowing the word to get into us! That difference is in the doing.

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