

Luke 7-8  
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Hebrews 11:1 (NLT, pg. 1016) Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Faith that prevails:

Luke 7:1-10 – The faith of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 7:9 (NLT, pg. 857) When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to the crowd that was following him, he said, “I tell you, I haven’t seen faith like this in all Israel!”

Luke 7:36-50 – The faith of a \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 7:50 (NLT, pg. 859) And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 8:40-56 – The faith of \_\_\_\_\_ and the suffering woman

Luke 8:48 (NLT, pg. 860) “Daughter,” he said to her, “your faith has made you well. Go in peace.”

Luke 8:50 (NLT, pg. 860) But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed.”

Faith that struggles:

Luke 7:18-30 – John the Baptist \_\_\_\_\_ his faith in Jesus.

Luke 7:28 (NLT, pg. 858) I tell you, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of God is greater than he is!”

Luke 8:22-25 – The disciples faith is \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus.

Luke 8:25 (NLT, pg. 859) Then he asked them, “Where is your faith?” The disciples were terrified and amazed. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!”

Luke 8:4-15 (pg. 859)

Jesus describes four different kinds of faith:

1. The path = \_\_\_\_\_ faith. (vs. 12)
2. The rocks = \_\_\_\_\_ faith. (vs. 13)
3. The thorns = a \_\_\_\_\_ faith. (vs. 14)
4. The fertile soil = a mature faith that will produce \_\_\_\_\_ . (vs. 15)

These are \_\_\_\_\_, not ending points.

James 2:19-20, 26 (NLT, pg. 1020) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?... Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

Final Thought: \_\_\_\_\_ (NLT, pg. 815) Jesus told them. “I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”

## Luke 7-8 Discussion Questions

How do you define faith? Review the four soils described by Jesus in Luke 8:4-15 (the path, the rocks, the thorns, and the fertile soil) Have you seen these types of faith in others? In yourself? In our world? Explain. Read Hebrews 11:1-40. This passage is known as “the hall of faith” in the Bible. What do you as most significant in these verses? Do you think any of these people ever struggled with their faith?

“We need to see questions, struggles, and doubts as a growth step, not as a failure. God is truth and has nothing to hide, he is not afraid of your questions.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not. Has this concept been true in your faith journey? Explain.

Read Luke 8:16-21. Both of these lessons and illustrations are right after the four-soil parable. Are they connected? If so, explain the connections you see and how they apply to our faith journey today.

Read James 2:14-26. How does this passage make you feel? Explain your thoughts. Which soil type from Jesus’ parable is James describing? Compare this passage to Ephesians 2:8-9. Do they contradict each other? Why or why not. “Faith is the key to your journey moving forward.” What can you do this next week to improve the soil in your faith journey?