

Great Women of the Faith

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Compassion & Power

Luke 7:11-16

FOR CHILDREN:

Follow the instructions to put together a Storm in a Bottle (*instruction sheet can be found on the church website*). Then Read Luke 8:22-25. First, notice that Jesus can sleep through a storm because he has trust in the Father's care for Him. Second, notice that Jesus does not rebuke His disciples for waking Him up, but for their lack of faith. It's not that the storm wasn't serious, but that they let it rob them of the truth that Jesus was present and would see them through safely. It's important that when we face fears in life, that we trust in God's presence and peace.

Weekly Affirmation:

Jesus Cares.
He Will Restore Me!

Weekly Memory Verse:

"When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her and said to her, 'Do not go on weeping.'"

Luke 7:13

FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read Luke 8:11-15. Which soil type do you consider yourself to be? Ask God to search your heart to identify the type of soil you are. If you're reading this you're probably in better condition than you think. Yet there are probably still some "rocks" and "thorns" in our lives that God would like to clear away so that His Word will thrive, blossom, and bear greater fruit! Prayerfully assess the last crisis moment or time of testing you went through. Were you easily distracted from God's will? Do you feel like you lost the peace and joy that trust in God can provide? Let God use your review of the past to prepare you for the next "growing season." Amend your soil with the nutrients of Bible study, service, and prayer. Finally read Luke 8:16-18. Remember that when it comes to our faith there is no real possibility of plateauing. We are either growing or dying. Make sure you continue to feed and practice your faith, and invest in your relationship with God!

FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read Luke 8:1-3. While many people might picture Jesus surrounded only by the twelve apostles, the truth is that many more disciples were present during His travel and important teaching moments. These crowds included many women, and here Luke has named a few. Luke, under the inspiration of God, holds up these women as examples of grace-responsive lives. Having been healed and forgiven they turned to express their appreciation in acts of discipleship and support. Throughout the New Testament we find women from all walks of life sharing the gospel in word and deed (*Acts 9:36; 16:14-15, 40*), correcting and encouraging fellow Christians (*Acts 18:24-28*), instructing their children and grandchildren in the Lord (*2 Timothy 1:5*). Prayerfully consider the examples of these women and how they can inspire your next step in discipleship to Jesus.

July 2025 Growth Goals

- 🕯 Read the Book of Luke.
- 🕯 Watch the Bible Project video on the Book of Luke (*available on the website*).
- 🕯 Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- 🕯 In prayer consider those individuals to whom you need to offer or ask forgiveness. Then let God guide you in whether it would be helpful & honoring to express that forgiveness.

Supplies for your Storm in a Bottle:

Bottle of Water
Cooking Oil
Small Piece of Sponge
Duct Tape
Toothpick
Sand (optional)
Blue Food Coloring (optional)



- 1. Completely wrap your sponge in duct tape. This will be the base of your boat. Remember that you will have to be able to squeeze your boat through the opening of your bottle.**
- 2. Next fold a small piece of duct tape over the top of a toothpick to make a sail. Then stick the toothpick into your sponge. Wrap a small piece of duct tape around the base of the toothpick to secure the sail into the boat.**
- 3. Take the label of your water bottle and fill it one third of the way with water. Add blue food coloring if you'd like. Add about an equal amount of the cooking oil.**
- 4. Use a funnel to pour the sand into your bottle (optional). Next, squeeze your boat through the opening of the bottle.**
- 5. Secure the lid back on your bottle. Then, give it a shake to create a storm! Set the bottle down and say a prayer as the storm calms!**