

**FAMILY LESSONS ON
THE ROCK OF SALVATION**

Based on Luke 6:47-48

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LESSON #2

Come, Hear, Do

**“Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like:
he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock.
And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it,
because it had been well built.”**

Luke 6:47-48 (ESV)

Jesus described his disciples with three simple verbs: come, hear and do. “Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them” is like a wise builder who built on solid rock. Jesus tells us that his true followers are those who first come to him seeking his truth, who then listen to his words, and then respond to those words in obedience. But how important are these three little words?

Remember when Jesus visited the home of Mary and Martha? Martha was busy preparing the meal but Mary sat at Jesus’ feet listening to his teaching. Soon Martha became anxious and said, “*Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.*” But Jesus answered, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:38-42).

Ironically, in this story, Jesus praised the hearer rather than the doer. Mary, who sat hearing the words of Jesus, was praised more than Martha who was busy doing good things to serve Jesus. This tells us that it is possible to become occupied with many good things without being a true disciple. Doing without hearing is not the action Jesus wants from us. He desires action, but it must be motivated by genuine hearing, and hearing that comes from an attitude of seeking the truth.

These three little words, come, hear and do, are important for us as followers of Christ. It is possible to take action for the wrong reasons, doing things out of wrong motives rather than from hearing the truth. And it is also possible to listen to Christ’s words without actually coming to him seeking to hear what he has to say. A true disciple builds on the firm foundation of Jesus and his teaching, first by coming to him, then by hearing his words, and finally by doing what he taught us to do.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Why was Martha’s doing less beneficial than Mary’s hearing? (Luke 10:38-42)
Did this make Martha’s actions wrong? What might have been the motivation for Martha’s busyness and anxiety?
How does the condition of our heart influence both our hearing and our doing?

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