

**BRIDGING THE GAP**  
**Pt. 2 - Listen**  
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**FOUR BASIC KINDS OF HEARERS**

**Luke 8:9-18 (NIV)**

<sup>[9]</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant.

<sup>[10]</sup> He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.'

<sup>[11]</sup> "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.

<sup>[12]</sup> Those along the **path** are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

<sup>[13]</sup> Those on the **rock** are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

<sup>[14]</sup> The seed that fell among **thorns** stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

<sup>[15]</sup> But the seed on **good soil** stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

<sup>[16]</sup> No one lights a lamp and hides it in a jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, he puts it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.

<sup>[17]</sup> For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open.

<sup>[18]</sup> Therefore consider carefully how you listen..."