

A Listening Life  
Mark 4:1-20



The Father's heart is for you to flourish!

It's the Father's heart for you to flourish, but flourishing is formed through listening.

Audire=listen; Ob-Audire=Obedience

Biblical listening is a whole-hearted, full-bodied listening that not only vibrates our eardrums but echoes in our souls and resonates out into our limbs.—Adam Mchugh

Mark 4:18-19

Others are sown among thorns; these are the ones who hear the word, 19 but the worries of this age, the seduction of wealth, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

#1: Examine your loves.

#2 Examine The Lord's love.



## Psalm 40:6-9

You do not delight in sacrifice and offering; You open my ears to listen.[b] You do not ask for a whole burnt offering or a sin offering. 7 Then I said, "See, I have come; it is written about me in the volume of the scroll. 8 I delight to do Your will, my God; Your instruction lives within me."

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Long ago God spoke to the fathers by the prophets at different times and in different ways. 2 In these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Mark 4:10

When He was alone with the Twelve, those who were around Him asked Him about the parables. 11 He answered them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to those outside, everything comes in parables...

Discontentment is the subtle decision not to trust God;  
and that's why it's so easy to lose.

TRUE CONTENTMENT CAN ONLY BE LEARNED BY  
TRUSTING IN A LOVE THAT'S TRUE

(v.18-19) I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. 19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

(v.12-13)...whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.