“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” – Luke 8:8
God’s Message

• How does God send us His message?
• How does He deliver His message?
• What is the purpose of His messages?
• What is God’s message to me?
What deafens our ears from His message?

1. I assume the message is not for me
2. The Passion of Position or status
3. The Passion of Anger
What deafens our ears from His message?

4. The Passion of Possessions
   • Rich Young Ruler
     • The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" (Matt. 19:20)
What deafens our ears from His message?

5. Passion of the Flesh
   • Solomon
   • But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—2 from the nations of whom the LORD had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. (1 Kings 11:1-2)
What deafens our ears from His message?

6. My Pride
7. Stubbornness
Who are those who have ears and hear?

- Abraham
  - “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.” (Gen. 12:1)
  - “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” (Gen. 22:2)

- Lot
Who are those who have ears and hear?

- The angles
  - “Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.” (Ps. 103:20)

- Matthew (Levi) the Disciple
- Peter and Andrew
- Saul of Tarsus (St. Paul)
• “But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; 17 for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.” (Matt. 13:16-17)