

Luke 8 pt 4 vs. 40-56 NASB

⁴⁰ And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. ⁴¹ And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and *began* to implore Him to come to his house; ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

⁴³ And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, ⁴⁴ came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "**Who is the one who touched Me?**" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "**Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.**" ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "**Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.**"

⁴⁹ While He was still speaking, someone *came from *the house of* the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." ⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard *this*, He answered him, "**Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well.**" ⁵¹ When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother. ⁵² Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "**Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.**" ⁵³ And they *began* laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. ⁵⁴ He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "**Child, arise!**" ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for *something* to be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

1. Ch. 7 spoke to us about faith, hope & love
2. Ch. 8 Began explaining real faith (4 soils)

3. Then Luke shows us real pictures of what faith looks like with live examples
 - a. Who Jesus considers His mother & brothers
 - b. How Jesus stills the storm with one Word
4. And now, a beautiful story of how Jesus deals with 3 individuals

I. The respected

II. The rejected

III. The resurrected

a. Keeping our eyes on the Son of Man

1. Jesus is back in Jewish territory

- a. He just delivered a man possessed with legion
- b. Now a large crowd is gathered waiting for Him
- c. With all of the needs, Luke zero's in on 2 initial people

2. There's a stark difference between them:

- a. First, a man, the other a woman, one rich, the other poor; one respected, one rejected; one honored, one ashamed; one leading the synagogue, the other excommunicated from the synagogue; one with a family and one living alone, one with a twelve-year-old daughter dying, and a twelve-year-old disease suffering
 - i. As different as they are, they're both looking to Jesus

- ii. Amazing how suffering is the great leveler of life
- b. They're both in need of God's help

I. The Respected

1. Jairus, ruler of the synagogue was a prominent man
 - a. A ruler of a synagogue is the equivalent of a local pastor
 - b. Everyone in the community knows who he is
 - i. He handles the spiritual and business side of the Synagogue
 1. Spiritual leader
 2. Local council (settled local disputes)
 - c. He has power, prosperity & influence
2. An unexpected crisis rises that is greater than his position and power
3. When Jairus saw Jesus, he fell at His feet
 - a. The situation is serious
 - i. His daughter is dying and he's desperate
4. "My little daughter is at the point of death. Please come and lay Your hands on her so that she will live."
5. He wanted her well. Twelve years old, is marriage age in Israel at this time. She's just begun to flower into womanhood.
6. This is the moment they were waiting for

7. Suddenly it's all fading away, the girl is dying
8. Being a ruler, he knows that meeting with Jesus jeopardizes his position in the community
 - a. He may be excommunicated
9. He humbles himself before Jesus and pleads for his daughter's life
10. **In the middle of the crowd, Jesus focuses on this one man**
 - a. Jairus = (whom God enlightens)
 - b. Jesus is about to enlighten him
11. **God wants to enlighten us about faith**

a. The Lord will meet us at the level of our faith

i. Jairus needs Jesus there in person

- ii. Unlike the Centurion (**Luke 7:1-10**) who only needed a word

1. As long as we have some faith

- iii. A man fell off a cliff, but managed to grab a tree limb on the way down. The following conversation ensued:
 - "Is anyone up there?"
 - "I am here. I am the Lord. Do you believe me?"
 - "Yes, Lord, I believe. I really believe, but I can't hang on much longer."
 - "That's all right, if you really believe you have nothing

to worry about. I will save you. Just let go of the branch."

A moment of pause, then: "Is anyone else up there?"

1. Jesus doesn't demand a high level of faith to respond
2. He wants to intervene
 - a. He is looking for a bridge to walk on
 - b. If our faith is small, He'll meet us there
 - c. If our faith is great, He'll meet us there
3. So many feel disqualified from a life with God because of their weak faith
 - a. Little faith is honored by Jesus here

b. Disciples couldn't cast out a demon from a boy

Matthew 17:19

¹⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

²⁰ So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

12. The Lord will meet us if we have little faith or big faith
13. Jesus heads to Jairus' house

14. A sudden interruption

II. The Rejected Woman

1. A woman who had a disease for 12 years heard about Jesus
 - a. She was unclean and couldn't go to the synagogue for 12 years
 - b. Anything or anyone she touched was also unclean for 7 days
 - i. A miserable lonely life
2. **Morgan:** "By the very law of her people, she was divorced from her husband, and could not live in her home; she was ostracized from all society, and must not come into contact with her old friends; she was excommunicated from the services of the synagogue, and thus shut out from the women's courts in the temple."
3. **She has no money after spending all her money on Dr's.**
 - a. **This is someone we may think would be angry with God and people**
4. She heard enough about Jesus & believed He can heal her too
 - a. **Although her understanding was not complete, God honored the object of her faith**
 - b. **"I need to touch His garment"**
 - c. Touching the hem of the garment is not theologically correct
 - i. It's a superstitious belief

1. It's not biblical

d. There is one thing God looks at when He deals with us: **Our heart and the object of our faith**

5. **Psalm 34:5** Those who looked to Him are radiant, and their faces were not ashamed

a. God honors the little faith we do have

6. She pushed through the crowds with her frail body and touches his robe

a. She was determined

i. If you want something bad enough, you'll push (pray until something happens)

7. She sensed her healing immediately

8. Jesus said "**who touched me**"

a. Many were there who touched Jesus

i. Many probably had serious needs

b. It normally would be easy to hide, but there is something about being in His presence where I am completely exposed.

c. With 10,000 people there, I'm still the only one

d. **Who touched me?**

i. What do you mean 'who touched me'?

ii. They didn't know the difference between a casual touch and a touch of faith

e. Virtue / power went out of Jesus for this woman

iii. What was the difference?

1. This was a touch of faith

2. Many bump into Jesus and not receive what they need

9. **Spurgeon:** It is not every contact with Christ that saves men; it is the arousing of yourself to come near to him, the determinate, the personal, resolute, believing touch of Jesus Christ which saves

a. This woman came in faith believing

10. **Why did she have to wait 12 years?**

a. God responds to Faith not need

i. Needs should drive us to God in faith

b. One waited 18 years?

c. One waited 38 years?

d. Israelites 40 years and never entered into the promised land

11. **Faith is a bridge that allows God to meet with me**

a. It allows me to receive from Him

12. **Her faith brought her to Christ**

13. **Jesus calls her daughter**

a. That's the only time in the whole New Testament Jesus calls a woman daughter

b. She went from being an outcast to a beloved daughter

- c. Is it that easy to be a daughter / son?
 - i. A simple faith is the key
- 14. Your **faith** Made you "well" (**Sozo**) = to heal, to save...
 - a. He made sure that she received what she really needed
 - i. She came for a physical healing
 - 1. True healing begins with redemption
 - a. healing her soul
- 15. **Why did Jesus point her out in the crowd?**
 - a. To Encourage her; as doubt may set in
 - b. To Encourage Jairus
 - i. It helps build his faith
 - 1. Hearing other people's testimonies helps encourage our faith
- 16. Meanwhile, Jairus is waiting patiently so his daughter can be healed
- 17. Just then, someone tells him that his little girl is dead, it's too late
- 18. We sometimes think that God waited too long, and things are beyond repair
 - a. God is always in control

III. The Resurrected Girl

1. Jesus responds: Don't be afraid, only believe (**keep on believing**)
 - a. Not, cheer up, take it easy
 - b. **Don't be afraid: keep on believing**
 - i. Faith is the foundation of how we connect with God
 - ii. I choose to believe what He says to me and regardless of what it looks like
 1. If He said she'll live, then she'll live
2. As they get to the house, the child is dead
3. Maybe you have felt the pulse of a particular issue, **dream, relationship, ministry** and Jesus spoke to you about it
 - a. Everyone around you agrees, "It is dead"
4. Professional mourners are there
5. Jesus only takes Peter, James, John with Him inside the house
 - a. Why make this commotion and weep?
 - b. The Child is not dead, but sleeping"
 - i. Same word Paul used in describing the departed believer
 1. It's a temporary thing
6. The crowds mocked Jesus knowing the child was dead
 - a. The world still mocks when one begins to stand in faith
 - i. The noise needs to stop

1. Some of us have too much noise going on inside

a. Jesus was on one side and mourners on the other

i. Can't have both

ii. Unbelief hinders God from moving in my life

iii. **Psalm 78:41** Yes, again and again they tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel

iv. It shouldn't matter what it looks like, as long as God is on my side

v. Some of us need to get away and search the heart of God for ourselves and find out what He has to say about our situation

b. Jesus removes the commotion before dealing with the issue

7. Jesus takes her by the hand and say's **Talitha Cumi:**

a. This reveals the tenderness of Jesus

i. Talitha: Little girl (little lamb)

8. Why did Jesus raise the little girl?

a. Not for her sake; to ease the grief of the parents

9. Give her something to eat

a. Real life means we get hungry

b. When we are alive spiritually, we need to hunger for the Word of God

i. Lack of hunger is a sign of sickness or death

10. What we learn is:

- a. My level of faith is irrelevant
- b. My imperfect theology is irrelevant
- c. God responds to faith and not need
- d. I need to have the mourners removed

11. Adam Clark noted:

- a. If I place myself in the presence of Jesus
- b. If I humble myself before Him
- c. If I lay my request with all sincerity
- d. If I have confidence in the power and goodness of God
 - i. God will meet with us