



Week 22: **Jesus Heals a Sick Woman and Jairus' Daughter** ~ Luke 8:40-56; Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43

Today's Text: Luke 8:40-56

⁴⁰ On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him. ⁴² His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying. As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. ⁴³ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. ⁴⁴ Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ **"Who touched me?"** Jesus asked. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, **"Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me."** ⁴⁷ When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him. The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ **"Daughter,"** he said to her, **"your faith has made you well. Go in peace."**

⁴⁹ While he was still speaking to her, a messenger arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, **"Don't be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed."**

⁵¹ When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl's father and mother. ⁵² The house was filled with people weeping and wailing, but he said, **"Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep."**

⁵³ But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died. ⁵⁴ Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, **"My child, get up!"** ⁵⁵ And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened. (Luke 8:40–56 NLT-SE)

- Multi-Tasking, Jesus Style

- **On his recent visit to the Gergesa, Jesus found a less-than-warm welcoming.** He and the disciples get back in the boat and return to the other side of the lake where he receives a warm and enthusiastic greeting from the Galileans (v. 40).
- A leader in the local synagog, **Jairus**, asked Jesus to come to his 12-year-old daughter who is at home close to death (v.41-42 - Matthew's version says that she has already died).
- On the way, a woman in the crowd who had been sick for 12 years with a bleeding disorder touches his robe and is instantly healed (v.43).
- Jesus **feels the power leave him** and asks the crowd, **"Who touched me?"** (v. 45)

- “When she touched Jesus’ cloak ... immediately her bleeding stopped. Jesus’ question, **Who touched Me?** does not imply that He was ignorant of the situation. He wanted the woman to reveal herself and openly express the faith which caused her to touch Him. The woman’s faith became public when she fell at His feet.
- The word used in the King James translation for “power” is **virtue** (greek, *dunamis*, power). The dictionary defines **virtue** as:
 - Conformity to a standard of right; a particular moral excellence...**morality**.
 - A beneficial **quality** or **power** of a thing.
 - Manly strength or courage...**valor**.
 - A commendable quality or trait...**merit**.
 - A capacity to act...**potency**.
 - **Chastity**, especially in women.
- Jesus now points to **her faith as the initiator of her healing** and tells her to “go in peace.” (v. 48)
 - Jesus wanted the woman to understand that it was actually her faith that healed her. Obviously, his cloak had no mysterious properties, but she reached out and touched that cloak as an expression of her faith, which drew upon the love of Jesus resulting in her immediate healing. Jesus wanted her to know that it was not the act of touching his garment (like magic), but rather it was the faith behind her act that led to her healing. The woman's faith did "go public" when she fell at Jesus' feet (verse 47).
 - The reason Jesus wanted the woman to "go public" was that she was probably known in the community for her infirmity and was thus widely known as being unclean. By Jesus drawing attention to her healing, He was publicly revealing to all present that she was no longer unclean and was fully healed. She would thus be accepted back into society without hindrance.
- While speaking to the woman, someone runs up and **tells Jairus that his daughter has died** and Jesus doesn’t need to come (v. 49)
- Jesus continues to Jairus’ house and enters with **only** Peter, John, and James (along with Jairus and his wife; v. 51).
- Jesus doesn’t pray for her, but “took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, “**My child, get up!**” She **immediately** stood up. Jesus then asks for others to get her something to eat (v. 55).
- The young girls parents were overjoyed and wanted everyone to know what Jesus had done, but Jesus insisted that they **not to tell anyone** (v. 56).
- **What would you have learned had you been there with Jesus that day?**
 - **Pay attention...**Jesus never looked for opportunities to “do ministry,” he simply lived life **with a keen awareness** of what his Father was doing in, around and through him.
 - “**My Father is always working, and so am I.**” (John 5:17 NLT-SE)
 - ⁹ “**I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.** ¹⁰ **When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love,** just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. (John 15:9–10 NLT-SE)
 - ¹⁹ So Jesus explained, “**I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing.** Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son and shows him

everything he is doing. In fact, the Father will show him how to do even greater works than healing this man. Then you will truly be astonished.” (John 5:19–20 NLT-SE)

- **Anticipate interruptions and detours...**We shouldn't see interruptions as obstacles to our plan but opportunities to embrace God's plan.
 - **The miracles of Jesus happened when he was interrupted.** It's time to take down the Do Not Disturb sign on our hearts!
 - The disciples weren't paying as much attention to the **steps** of Jesus, as to the **stops** of Jesus!
 - ⁴⁶ Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus was sitting beside the road. ⁴⁷ When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”
 - ⁴⁸ “Be quiet!” many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”
 - ⁴⁹ **When Jesus heard him, he STOPPED** and said, **“Tell him to come here.”** So they called the blind man. “Cheer up,” they said. “Come on, he's calling you!” ⁵⁰ Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.
 - ⁵¹ **“What do you want me to do for you?”** Jesus asked. “My rabbi,” the blind man said, “I want to see!”
 - ⁵² And Jesus said to him, **“Go, for your faith has healed you.”** Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road. (Mark 10:46–52 NLT-SE)
- **Stay connected to source of power and authority...**When we start operating in our own power and strength we run the risk of getting human results instead of the divine results of letting Jesus work in and through us.
 - ⁵ **“I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing...⁷ if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.”** (John 15:5, 7–8 NLT-SE)
- **Every encounter leads to love...**Jesus saw every one of these opportunities as a way to reveal the Father's heart. You can see this demonstrated profoundly in Jesus conversation with his Father recorded in John 17.
 - ⁴ **“Father, I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do...²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. ²⁴ Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!”** (John 17:4, 22–24 NLT-SE)