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Healing Faith Luke 8:40-56

Luke 8:40

The people of the Garasenes could not wait for Jesus to leave, and the Galileans could hardly wait for Him to return. Jesus and his disciple returned to the beaches of Capernaum and were warmly welcomed. Verse 40:

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⁴⁰Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him.

What we have this morning is two interwoven stories that teach us 5 practical principles on Faith.

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1. Faith Is Born Out Of Need

Verse 41:

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Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴²because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her.

PRAY

Many are there expecting something from Jesus. Amongst the crowd is a distressed father with a need. He has an only child...a 12 YOA daughter who was dying. Jairus' need led him to Jesus.

- Head of the local Synagogue
- Probably successful with position
- Part of the Synagogue system which was beginning to close its doors to Jesus.

When Jairus' need became extreme he went to Jesus. Not only did he come but he ***fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him***...begging him to come help.

- Gave up his pride
- Disregarded his colleagues opinions

This leader fell on his face at Jesus' feet pleading for help in his need. What does Jesus do...he goes w/Jairus. While traveling to the home of Jairus...

- Verse 42 says: ***the crowds almost crushed him*** (Why did Jesus often tell those he touched not to say anything?)

Along the way Jesus met another person in need. This time it's a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years.

- Mark tells us: ***She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.*** (Mk 5:26)
- The word ***suffering*** or ***affliction*** is used twice in Marks gospel (5:29&34) meaning 'plague'.
 - 12 years of suffering from bleeding not only is painful, but it can make you weak
 - Societal outcast – According to Leviticus 15 a woman's monthly flow made her ceremonially unclean. She was an outcast...probably divorced by her husband.
 - Perhaps she struggled with bitterness and anger against her circumstances. Loneliness, fear of her future.

Jairus, with his position and probably his pride set it aside in order to respond to his need. This woman, in spite of her being an outcast from society worked her way through a huge crowd to touch Jesus in an attempt to respond to her need.

I don't know what you are enduring as a result of your own struggles.
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Faith Demands A Response

Verse 44:

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She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

At a low point in this woman's life...in her deep need...she made a decision to step out in faith and touch the cloak of Jesus. Jesus' ministry has spread and he is now popular beyond belief. This woman has heard of his teaching. Jairus heard about Jesus' teaching. So they came. Romans 10:17 says:

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...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ

So this woman and Jairus heard of Jesus. The result being that that faith increased in their hearts. The woman's faith built up to the point where she acted out in her faith. Matthew's account says:(9:21) "***...she said to herself, 'If only I may touched the hem of His garment, I shall be well'***".

When we choose to put ourselves in the position of hearing from Jesus faith will increase. Faith is a gift from God according to Eph. 2:8&9. Notice the order:

1. Choose to feed on the word
2. Result? God's gift of faith building in your life

As faith builds it will **lead us to act it out/RESPOND**. This woman had to overcome some obstacles:

- Physical weakness – fighting her way through the crowd
- Hopelessness & despair
 - Woman shamed
 - Unclean w/bleeding problem
 - Social & religious stigma that she'd make Jesus unclean (She touched his garment).

Jairus overcame:

- Pride
- Position
- Scrutiny of social/religious community

What keeps us from responding in faith?

- Hurts, pride, shame
- Finances

We have to overcome whatever is keeping our faith from responding.

Otherwise we're allowing Jesus to simply pass by without responding in faith. Had Jairus and this woman refused to step out and respond in faith their lives would have been very different. How would your life be different if you were willing to respond in faith? Faith demands a response! And:

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Faith Must Be Seen

Verse 45:

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“Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.”⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.”

Jesus’ question, “Who touched me?” was intended to bring this woman out of hiding. She didn’t come out right away but Jesus pressed the issue...“Somebody touched Me”. Peter’s like, “Are you kidding? Who hasn’t touched you”?

Meanwhile, Jairus...remember him? His daughter is dying and he’s watching as precious time is passing away. What’s he thinking? “Come on Jesus, my daughter is dying, who cares that someone touched you!” Have you ever asked that question of God? Come on God...where are you? I need you here. It’s a reminder to all of us that it’s God’s timing...not ours.

In Mark we are told that Jesus ***“looked round about to see her who had done this thing”*** meaning “he scanned the crowd, intensely looking for her”! This lady had taken a great step of faith before...but now she probably felt the need to escape and hide. Remember, according to Leviticus 15 the penalty for deliberately making someone unclean was death!!!! Verse 47:

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⁴⁷Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed.

She must have come trembling. She had received healing, much more than she expected, but much less than Jesus desired to give her.

Why did Jesus insist on her public confession? It was not the miracle that Jesus wanted to make public, but rather the woman’s faith. He wanted her testimony to benefit others. Faith is not intended to be a “private” matter as some seem to think. This was so important that Jesus refused to allow her to go away without a confession of faith.

Confession of faith is a big deal to God. Why?

- Encouragement
- Testimony to God’s love
- Spurs us all on

Confession is central to our salvation – Romans 10:10 ***“For with the heart man believes resulting in righteousness; and with the mouth man confesses resulting in salvation.”*** Faith Cannot Remain Anonymous it must be seen...and:

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Revealed Faith Is Rewarded

Verse 48 says:

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48 Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

Jesus was gentle with this woman. Calls her ***“daughter”*** and tells her to ***go in peace*** which translates “go into peace”. Paul told us in Romans 5:1; ***“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

Is it possible that this woman was healed physically in verse 44 and healed spiritually (saved) upon confession v. 47? **Revealed Faith Is Rewarded** and last:

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Faith Holds On

When everything around you says, “Give Up”...when Reason says, “Give up” – Faith Holds On. Jairus stepped out in faith based on his need...his daughter was dying. Things take a turn for the worse in verse 49:

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While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” he said. “Don’t bother the teacher any more.”

The delay of helping this woman may have resulted in the death of Jairus’ daughter. What was certain in that moment is his daughter was now beyond help. This father had a level of faith for his sick daughter to be healed by Jesus. But now she was dead.

Have you ever stepped out in need with a certain gifting of faith from God only to discover that it was way more than you thought possible? Jesus quickly reassures Jairus. Verse 50:

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Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”

It doesn’t always go the way we think it should. What Jesus told Jairus was, “continue to believe...don’t stop.” Fear has to be met by Faith. Faith is not the belief that we will get what we want...rather a belief that God is there...encouraging us...***“Don’t be***

afraid...believe.” That’s hard to do when everything else in you is screaming doubt. Don’t be afraid...know God is with you. Verse 51:

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When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. ⁵²Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. **“Stop wailing,” Jesus said. **“She is not dead but asleep.”** ⁵³They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.**

I’m intrigued that Jesus rebuked these mourners. These guys were laughing at Jesus...in a sense pressing on the fears of Jairus. Jesus cleared the room of all the skeptics. Faith has a hard time growing when it’s surrounded with skeptics. Some of you are struggling to grow in your faith and maybe you need to clear your room of skeptics. Verse 54:

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But he took her by the hand and said, **“My child, get up!” ⁵⁵Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.**

To Jairus’ great delight Jesus healed his daughter. Why did he do this? Was it for the little girl’s sake? NO. Was it for the parent’s sake? Maybe. Did he do it so that you and I would expect the same thing today? I don’t think it’s an easy answer. I have prayed for people to be healed and some have received healings and many have not. I would argue this.

If you have the faith to pray for people’s healing...and God has called you to that, then you go. And if God is healing people through your ministry to Jesus then give me a call. I may have some people I want you to pray for.

But I think the point of what is here is faith. Does it take any less faith to grow in your relationship with Jesus when for whatever reason God does not provide a miracle healing? Some would argue it takes more faith. Listen, someday we will all be healed. God’s timing – Right? The point here is that Faith Holds On...no matter what.

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