



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Two Kinds of Faith Are Needed

Bible Reading: Luke 8:40-56

Background

- A. In a world without modern medicine & hygiene
 1. Health is a precious commodity
 2. Purity taboos were critical
 3. Possible cures for the woman

Context & Structure: A Narrative Sandwich

- A. Context
- B. Two people who couldn't be more socially different, needed healing
- C. Yet Luke makes clear narrative similarities between the two stories
- D. One story is sandwiched between the other
- E. Jesus was not hindered in his ministry by the laws of ritual purity

Jesus returned from healing the demoniac & is warmly welcomed (8:40)

Two Desperate Situations in the Face of Impossibility (Lk. 8:40-56)

- A. Jairus, a prominent man in society
 1. Had likely gone through all possible means of curing his daughter (vv. 41-42a)
 2. Came to Jesus
 3. Humbly "*fell down at Jesus' feet*"(v.41)
 4. Did Jairus go further with Jesus?

- B. An impure, isolated, bankrupted, & vulnerable woman due to 12 years of hemorrhaging (8:42b-48)
1. She lived in a perpetual state of impurity & isolation (Lev. 15:25-31)
 2. She came to Jesus, crossing all kinds of boundaries because of her desperate state
 3. She reached out & touched Jesus' garment & power went out from him
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 2. Power went out from Jesus
 4. Jesus wants to know who touched him
 5. She also *"fell down before him"* & testified (v.47)
 6. Jesus pronounces her whole & restored to the community (v. 48)
- C. Jairus' dying daughter died (8:49-56)
1. Bad news arrives, *"Your daughter is dead."* (v. 49)
 2. Jesus reassures Jairus, *"Don't be afraid. Only believe & she will be saved."* (v. 50)
 3. The mourners' response, *"They laughed at him, because they **knew** she was dead"* (vv. 51-53)
 4. Jesus healed Jairus' daughter (vv. 54-55)
 5. Jesus instructs Jairus & his wife not to tell anyone what had happened (v. 56)

Two Important Qualities of Faith

1. Faith that seizes the initiative to act – *"full speed ahead!"*
2. Faith that patiently waits on the Lord – *"Lord, not my will"*

Testify to the Community

1. Why was it important for Jesus to address the woman in public?
2. But Jesus also instructs the parents not to say anything about their daughter being healed