

LUKE 8:40-56 *Jesus Heals a Woman and a Girl*

INTRODUCTION

Jesus not only has control over nature and demons but, as we learn in this story, even disease and death. Whether one is male or female, adult or child, clean or unclean makes no difference to Jesus. God wants us to have the faith that He can take care of us, no matter who we are or what we are facing.

DISCUSSION

Have you even been sick and thought you'd never get better?

EXPLANATION

- Who approached Jesus in verses 41-42, and why? *Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue who had a twelve-year-old daughter who was dying. He wanted Jesus to come to his house.*
- What touched Jesus on the way? *A woman who was sick with bleeding for twelve years.*
- What did the woman do and what happened to her? *She touched Jesus' clothes and was healed!*
- What did Jesus say to her after she identified herself? *"Your faith has made you well; go in peace."*
- What did Jesus learn about the little girl on the way? *The rulers' daughter had died.*
- How did Jesus respond? *He said, "Do not fear; only believe and she will be well."*
- How did people at the house respond when Jesus told them she wasn't dead, but only sleeping? *They laughed at Him and didn't believe He could do anything to help her now.*
- What did Jesus do next? *He raised the little girl from the dead.*

APPLICATION

The woman who was sick with bleeding for twelve years was timid and fearful, but she also had faith that Jesus could heal her, so she approached Him in spite of her fears. On hearing his daughter had died, Jairus may have been tempted to doubt that Jesus could do anything now. But Jesus asked him to believe that she would be well, and he believed. Sometimes we don't understand the difficult things that happen in our lives. Sometimes it looks like all hope is gone- that it's too late for God to act now, but Jesus asks us to have faith that he will do all that he promises to do. What do you need to believe Jesus for right now? Where is He asking you to patiently trust Him and not fear?

Memory VERSE

Luke 8:50- "But Jesus on hearing this answered him, 'Do not fear, only believe, and she will be well.'" (ESV)