

Jesus Raises the Daughter of Jairus LK. 8:40-56

Introduction:

Notice especially the setting of this story.

This story is told in three of the four accounts of the Gospel (Mt. 9:18-26; Mk. 5:21-43 – Mark gives us the most details, but for the purpose of this lesson we will be looking at the account as given by Luke).

Right after Jesus heals the demon possessed man (Mark and Luke).

As Jesus returns from healing this man, the multitudes “were all waiting for Him” (Lk. 8:40).

I. Jesus is confronted by two people who are in desperate situations.

- A. Notice some facts about the two individuals in this story.
 - 1. Jairus (8:41-42)
 - a. His only daughter was sick and at the point of death (8:42).
 - b. We also know that this daughter was 12 years old (8:42).
 - c. He begged Jesus to come and heal his daughter.
 - 2. Woman (8:43-44)
 - a. She had this “flow of blood” for 12 years.
 - b. She had spent all that she had on physicians and could not be healed.
 - c. In fact, she grew worse instead of getting better (Mk. 5:26).
- B. Other facts that describe both of these people.
 - 1. They both felt as if they had nowhere else to go.
 - 2. We today might say that they had hit “rock bottom.”
 - 3. There are other examples throughout the scriptures of individuals who were in a desperate situation.
 - a. Elijah
 - 1) He felt as if he was the only one serving God in Israel.
 - 2) However, when he cries out to God, notice what God says to him in response:
 - 3) **I Kgs. 19:18 - Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.**
 - b. Paul
 - 1) Paul was suffering from some “thorn in the flesh.”
 - 2) **II Cor. 12:7 - And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.**
- C. Sometimes, we may feel like we are in a desperate situation with no way out.
 - 1. We may feel like we have hit “rock bottom.
 - 2. We may also feel like we are all alone in this world.
 - 3. We need to remember what Jairus and this woman did to help us overcome today.

II. In both cases, Jesus tells the individuals that they need to have faith.

- A. Notice the faith of these two individuals.
 1. Notice the faith of this woman (8:43-48).
 - a. She had tried all that she could afford to try to be healed.
 - b. Now she finds out about Jesus and she comes to Him in the midst of this multitude.
 - c. She touched the border of His garment and was healed.
 - d. Jesus comments on her faith (8:48).
 - e. Because of her faith in Jesus, she was healed.
 2. Notice again the faith of Jairus (8:41-42, 49-50).
 - a. Jairus was the ruler of the synagogue.
 - 1) This would have been important because of those who would have been going into the synagogue.
 - 2) Remember, the Pharisees were heavily involved with the synagogue, and they hated Jesus.
 - 3) Jairus was taking a risk in coming to Jesus with this request.
 - b. Even when he is told that his daughter has died, he still has faith that Jesus can raise her from the dead.
 - c. Because of his faith in Jesus, his daughter was raised from the dead.
- B. We can know that both of these individuals expected Jesus to help them because of their actions.
 1. Notice the two characters:
 - a. Jairus came and begged Jesus to come to his house and heal his daughter (even when his daughter was dead, he believed that Jesus could raise her).
 - b. The woman came and touched the border of His garment in the midst of the crowd, demonstrating her faith that Jesus could (and would) heal her.
 2. We also can expect Jesus to help us when we need it.
 - a. **James 1:5-6** - If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. {6} But let him **ask in faith**, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
 - b. **Mk. 11:22-24** (lesson from the withered fig tree) - So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God.** {23} For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. {24} Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

- c. John sums it up in **I Jn 5:14-15** - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. {15} And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- C. Today, we also need to have that same kind of faith in God, because it is faith in Him that leads us to salvation.
 - 1. **Gal. 3:26** - For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
 - 2. **Eph. 2:8-9** - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast.
 - 3. **I Pet. 1:3-5** - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, {4} to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, {5} who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- D. When we find ourselves in a desperate situation, we must have faith in God.

III. In both cases, the only way their request was fulfilled was by going to Jesus.

- A. We know that these two characters had faith in Christ, but the only way they could have their needs met was through Him.
 - 1. Jairus
 - a. He knew that Jesus was the only one who could help his daughter.
 - b. Even when his daughter died, he believed that Jesus could help him.
 - 2. The woman
 - a. This woman had gone to the physicians and could not be healed.
 - b. It was not until she went to Jesus that she was healed.
- B. Remember the example of Paul.
 - 1. Paul took that problem to the Lord three times.
 - 2. **II Cor. 12:8** - Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.
- C. Today, there is no other way for us except through Christ.
 - 1. **John 14:6** - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."
 - 2. **Acts 4:12** - Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Conclusion:

When we find ourselves in desperate situations, we must look beyond the situation to the one who can help us.