

## 28. Jesus Healed the Daughter of Jairus

In our last topic, we saw that we want to help our physical and spiritual children learn to understand how Jesus was even able to change and transform the life of a man that was possessed by many demons. Jesus set him free and then changed and transformed his life. His life was so changed that he went throughout the region of Decapolis (ten cities) sharing what Jesus had done for him. In our topic today, we will see that Jesus changed and transformed the lives of two other people.

The people in the area of Gadera asked Jesus to leave their area because of their fear. That fear was the result of seeing the Legion of demons cast out of the man so that his life was transformed. When Jesus got back to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, the crowd welcomed Jesus because they had been waiting for him to return. Luke 8:40-42 says, “So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him.” Here, we see that there was a very different attitude toward Jesus on the two sides of the lake. One group wanted Jesus to leave and the other was glad to see Him return.

Soon after Jesus returned, Jairus came to Jesus with a request. We see that Jairus was the leader of the local synagogue. As a result, Jairus was respected by the people in the community. The ruler of the synagogue was the man who supervised the teaching in the synagogue and the other responsibilities of the care of the synagogue. We see that Jairus fell at the feet of Jesus and begged Jesus to come to his house. The reason why Jairus wanted Jesus to come was due to the fact his only daughter was dying. However, there were so many people crowded around Jesus as He walked toward the house of Jairus that it was almost difficult to move forward.

As Jesus was walking toward the house, we see that one of the people in that crowd was a woman with much faith. Luke 8:43-48 says, “Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, ‘Who touched Me?’ When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, ‘Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, “Who touched Me?”’ But Jesus said, ‘Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.’ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, ‘Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.’” This woman realized that Jesus had the power to heal her and she thought that she would be healed if she could just touch Him.

This woman had a problem that had spiritual, financial, and physical consequences. Leviticus 15:25-27 says, ““If a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of her *customary* impurity, or if it runs beyond her *usual time* of impurity, all the days of her unclean discharge shall be as the days of her *customary* impurity. She *shall be* unclean. Every bed on

which she lies all the days of her discharge shall be to her as the bed of her impurity; and whatever she sits on shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. Whoever touches those things shall be unclean; he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening.””” Here, we see that that there were spiritual consequences because she was considered unclean. As an unclean person, she was not allowed to enter either the synagogue or the temple. Many times, such a person would even be avoided by their own family.

Second, there were financial consequences. This woman had spent all of her money going to different doctors trying to find a doctor that could treat her condition. However, none of the doctors had been able to heal her. Third, there were also physical consequences. When a person had a continual flow of blood, that person would become very weak because of the loss of blood. As a result, she had probably been physically weak for most of the twelve years that she had this problem.

This woman came up behind Jesus as He was walking slowly through the crowd and touched the border of His outer coat. She was instantly healed and the flow of blood stopped. When a person was healed by Jesus, each person was also given immediate strength. As a result, this woman knew that she had been healed. Then, Jesus asked a question, “Who touched me?” Everyone standing near Jesus denied that they had touched Him. Peter spoke for the others and said, “Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’” Peter just told Jesus that there were so many people crowding around Him that several had probably bumped against Him and may not have even realized that they had touched Him.

Jesus wanted to do more for the woman than just meet her physical need. However, the woman did not realize why Jesus said what He did. She knew that when an unclean person touched someone, the person that was touched was also considered unclean. As a result, Jesus said, “Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.” The woman was filled with fear because she realized that she could not keep her action a secret. Then, the woman came with great fear and trembling and fell down before Jesus. She confessed in the presence of Jesus and all of the people who were gathered around Him the reason why she had touched Jesus. She also said that she had been healed when she touched Him. Instead of Jesus becoming unclean when she touched Him, Jesus caused her to be cleansed instead.

Jesus used the opportunity to give the woman spiritual life as well as physical healing. Jesus told the woman, “Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace.” Here, we see that she became a daughter of God. Jesus also told the woman that she could be filled with comfort and cheer. Then, Jesus explained to everyone there that the faith of the woman had made her whole. The word translated “whole” is used one hundred and eighteen times in the New Testament and is translated “save” ninety-three of those times. The first use of this word in the New Testament is in Matthew 1:21 which says, “‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’” Jesus gave the woman eternal life that day so that is why He told her, “Go in peace.” Jesus gives inner peace to those who place their faith in Him.

Luke 8:49-56 says, “While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, ‘Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher.’ But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, ‘Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.’ When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, ‘Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.’ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, ‘Little girl, arise.’ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.” As Jesus was talking to the woman, someone came from the house of Jairus and told him that his daughter had died and not to bother Jesus anymore.

Jesus heard the message that was given to Jairus. Jesus immediately told Jairus, “Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.” The word translated “well” is the same word Jesus used when He told the crowd that the faith of the woman had made her whole. As a result, Jesus was telling Jairus to believe and both he and his daughter would be saved. Jesus only allowed Peter, James, John and the parents to go with him when He went into the house. Jesus told the crowd gathered around the house that the girl was not dead but was sleeping. Mark 5:38 says, “Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly.” The crowd laughed and made fun of Jesus and said that they knew that the girl was dead. The people in this crowd were professional mourners who made extra money by going to the homes of those who died where they would wail and cry loudly to earn some extra money. Jesus told all of the people who were mourning to go out of the house.

Then, Jesus took the girl by the hand and said, “Little girl, arise.” The spirit of the girl came back into her and she got up immediately. Jesus then told those in the house to give the girl something to eat. Here, we see that she was totally restored and Jesus knew that she was hungry. Meanwhile, the parents were filled with amazement as they saw their little girl get up. The parents now had a much better understanding of who Jesus was. They had just seen that Jesus had used His power to raise their daughter from the dead.

Jesus then told her parents not to tell anyone what had happened. The crowd had shown their unbelief by the way that they had made fun of Jesus. They would certainly see the girl walking around. However, Jesus did not want them to know exactly what had happened because of their unbelief. Today, many people are like that crowd. They are ready to mock and reject because of unbelief. We want to help our physical and spiritual children understand that Jesus chose not to let the crowd know what had happened because of their unbelief. We want them to understand that there are people just like that crowd and not to get upset when such people make fun. May the Lord richly bless you as you help your children learn how to deal with the unbelief of others.