

Desperate Times

Luke 8:40-56 (ESV)

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹ And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him. ⁴³ And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!" ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me." ⁴⁷ And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." ⁴⁹ While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." ⁵¹ And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

What have we learned about Jesus in Luke 8?

He has power and authority over Creation - Storm

Hebrews 1:1-3 (ESV)

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

Colossians 1:16-20 (ESV)

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

John 1:1-5 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Jesus has power and authority over evil – Legion of Demons

Mark 9:25 (ESV)

And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying

to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

Matthew 17:18 (ESV)

And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly.

Now in this passage we see Jesus’ authority and power over sickness and death.

Luke 8:40 (ESV)

Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him.

Luke 8:41-42 (ESV)

And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus’ feet, he implored him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.

- Desperate times.....
- Jesus was implored and He went!
- Only daughter.

Luke 8:43 (ESV)

And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent all her living on physicians, she could not be healed by anyone.

- How did Jairus perceive this moment? I’m sure he felt like his need was more profound.
- She had exhausted all her earthly resources.
- Chronic illness and poverty must have been overwhelming.
- Overwhelmed – have you been there?

Luke 8:44 (ESV)

She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately her discharge of blood ceased.

- Desperate Times....
- She must have believed in His power to heal her and that a simple touch would be enough.
- You get a sense that she wanted to remain hidden and she wasn’t sure how he might respond to her uncleanness, but she knew He had the power!
- Immediately!!!

Luke 8:45-46 (ESV)

And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the crowds surround you and are pressing in on you!” ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, “Someone touched me, for I perceive that power has gone out from me.”

- I’m confident He knew, but He wanted her to know He knew and that her faith in Him had healed her.
- Jesus felt the passing of power and so will we.
- The same power that raised Jesus from the dead...

Luke 8:47-48 (ESV)

And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”

- Such a terrifying and exciting moment for her.
- Jesus wanted her testimony, it’s how we overcome.

- Her faith in Him healed her.
- What is your faith in?
- All healing finds its source in the Great Physician.

Luke 8:49-50 (ESV)

While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." ⁵⁰ But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well."

- Have you ever thought God has failed me? That He was insensitive to your needs? That His timing wasn't ideal? Can you imagine what this father might be feeling and thinking at this moment?
- Jesus looks him in the eye and says "fear not, only believe...."
- Our challenge is to trust His words and let faith in Him overcome our feelings, fear and flesh.
- Often God's Word and promises contradicts our natural order of things and our own reasoning, it is in these moments that we need to be still and know that He will fight for us.

Luke 8:51 (ESV)

And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. ⁵² And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³ And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead.

- He came to the house! – Jesus walks into our pain!
- **Have you invited Him into yours?
- We are told that those who have died in Christ are asleep in Him. Let's not weep FOR THEM!
- But we definitely grieve with hope because we love and miss them. We also grieve with others too!
- **Have you ever laughed or doubted God's Word because you knew something?

Luke 8:54-56 (ESV)

⁵⁴ But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." ⁵⁵ And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And he directed that something should be given her to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were amazed, but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

- I love that Jesus touches her.
- Arise, that is what He is going to do on that Day!
- Her spirit returned.

Prayer