

WEEK 10: JESUS HELPS ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE WITH ALL KINDS OF PROBLEMS, PART 2 (LUKE 8:40–56)

The Bold and the Timid (Luke 8:40–56)

The Bold / Despairing (8:40-42; 49-56)

The two scenes

This story happens in *two distinct scenes*, separated by the healing of the woman with the hemorrhage (8:43-48).

Scene 1: (8:40-42)

Luke 8:40 (NASB) And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him. 41 And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus' feet, and began to implore Him to come to his house; 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying. But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.

Scene 2: (8:49-56)

Luke 8:49 (NASB) While He was still speaking, someone *came from the house of the synagogue official, saying, "Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." 50 But when Jesus heard this, He answered him, "Do not be afraid any longer; only believe, and she will be made well." 51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl's father and mother. 52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, "Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep." 53 And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. 54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Child, arise!" 55 And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately; and He gave orders for something to be given her to eat. 56 Her parents were amazed; but He instructed them to tell no one what had happened.

Questions

1. Who was Jairus? What was his need?
2. What does Jesus do for this man? How does Jesus deal with his needs? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
3. How does Jesus **challenge** the bold by choosing not to immediately heal his daughter?
4. How might Jairus' attitude have changed from the first scene to the second?

The Timid (8:43-48)

Luke 8:43 (NASB) And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, 44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. 45 And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." 47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason 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."

Questions

1. It seems like the woman had sought help from all over. What was the result of her searching?
2. What do you think she felt as she approached Jesus?
For more context into how bad her situation had become, read Mark 5:25-27.
3. How does the woman approach Jesus? *Think about this in contrast to the man in the passage before*
4. How does Jesus respond to her? What does he challenge her to do?
5. What was the woman's physical need? What was her spiritual need?

What we can learn

While Jairus and the woman approached Jesus from completely different perspectives, they both ended up at the same place: bowing before Jesus.

When Jesus changes you it ought to be a matter of public record.

Application: for the bold

Some of you are spiritually bold. You need faith just as much as the timid person. You may struggle with faith because you demand that God work on your timetable. But God doesn't do that. He works on his own timetable. God does this so he can show you His glory in a more perfect way.

Application: for the Timid

Some of you are spiritually timid. In that case, you need to be **bold** in your worship, bold in your testimony, and bold in the way you stand and then fall before Jesus.