

Luke 8:40-56 — A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman

⁴⁰ Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. ⁴¹ Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴² because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴ She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵ "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷ Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more."

⁵⁰ Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."

⁵¹ When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵² Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep."

⁵³ They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴ But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" ⁵⁵ Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶ Her parents were astonished, but he ordered them not to tell anyone what had happened.

Luke 9:1-9 — Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

¹ When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, ² and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. ³ He told them: "Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra tunic. ⁴ Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. ⁵ If people do not welcome you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave their town, as a testimony against them." ⁶ So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere.

⁷ Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was going on. And he was perplexed, because some were saying that John had been raised from the dead, ⁸ others that Elijah had appeared, and still others that one of the prophets of long ago had come back to life. ⁹ But Herod said, "I beheaded John. Who, then, is this I hear such things about?" And he tried to see him.

Luke 8:40 - 9:9

1. How far would you go to bring physical healing to someone you love? How about to get physical healing for yourself?
2. What emotional effect can long-term pain and suffering have on a person? How about on family and friends?
3. Why would the sick woman be especially anxious to get healed? (Lev 15:25) What do we know about her? (8:43-44 and Mark 5:26)
4. How did Jesus know that someone touched him and was healed? Would you like to be able to touch Jesus' cloak and be healed? (Note: In Jesus' reply in verse 48, the Greek word for "healed" means "saved.")
5. Why did Jairus think that Jesus could help his dying daughter? (Luke 7:11-17) What did he want Jesus to do?
6. What commands did Jesus give before the girl was given new life? (Vs 8:50, 52, 54). Is there any significance to the order of these commands?
7. What is similar and different about the two healings? What is the most significant similarity? What does this mean to you?
8. For what people with long-term pain or other physical problems can you start to pray regularly?
9. What is the first thing Jesus did after calling the 12 apostles together? (Vs 9:1,2)
10. How much preparation and packing do you do before taking a long trip? Why do you think that Jesus sent the 12 apostles out with so few provisions? Do you think they found His instructions strange? What was their response? (Vs 9:6)
11. What were the Twelve to do if a town did not welcome them? (Vs 9:5)
12. What did Herod think of Jesus' healing and preaching? What did other rulers think of Jesus back then? How about today?
13. Why do you think that 22% of the U.S. population says that they would never under any circumstances vote for an evangelical Christian for president?