

Luke 8:40-56 (NASB)

40 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. **43** 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." **49** 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.

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I. Introduction

- A. We've been looking at Jesus and how He interacted with people and what that means for us as His ambassadors.
 - 1. One of the things about being His ambassadors is that in order for us to be effective, there are things going on inside and outside.
 - 2. Being an ambassador is not something we graduate to, it is something that we are because of Who we follow.
 - 3. Being an ambassador is simply living out faith in Christ in your life and context.
- B. What do you think of when you think of faith? Most of us would probably not think of ourselves.
 - 1. Great men of faith, great passages of faith (Prov. 3:5-6, Rom. 8:23, I Cor 13 – mt. moving faith, Heb. 11)
 - 2. How do I relate to that – I have a problem with the word, “all”
 - 3. Reality is that I am just a guy who is trying to figure out this thing called faith and live accordingly.
- C. Scripture tends to multitask ...
 - 1. God's Word often speaks to us on two levels, IN me and THROUGH me.
 - 1. In me – things that I need to work on (often we say, “He/she needed to hear that ...”)
 - 2. Through me – things that I need to do in the lives of others
 - 3. Evidence, the last few weeks ... (Zach, the Pharisees, the Sam woman, etc.)
 - 2. This story is one that is working on both levels b/c it is real, transparent and is not just a snapshot but a walk-along-with adventure in faith.

II. Background

A. Jairus

- 1. Religious leader in the synagogue (he was one of the guys in charge in his community)
- 2. Social leader in his community (very important – the guy that everyone came to)
- 3. Sum up: Religion was the center of society, which means that the synagogue was the building that everything was focused on which means that Jairus was ***The Man***.

B. Let's pray as we get into God's Word ...

III. The Passage

A. Read the entire passage w/out interruption

B. The preparation of faith

1. Expectations

- a. What you expect will have a lot to do with what you experience.
- b. Various expectations ...

- 1) v.40 – crowd
- 2) v.41 – Jairus
- 3) v.44 – the woman

**Our walk of faith begins not with an “ask” but with an expectation. We come to Him anticipating what He will do in our lives (we can limit or unleash the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives)

2. Position of faith

- a. Body language (sorry, love you)
- b. Position of faith – fall to your face

- 1) v. 41 – Jairus
- 2) v. 47 – woman
- 3) People throughout the ministry of Jesus are falling to their face

**Instead of falling we enter into God’s presence with our lists of things we have a right to, “I want this, that, and the other thing. Oh, and by the way, I’d like free shipping and next day delivery.”

**What we learn from Jairus is that the preparation of faith calls us to fall on our face with great expectation! There is humility and power in our approach to Almighty God.

C. The problems of faith

1. Pride

- a. Faith Pride
- c. Jairus had to swallow his pride (career-ending choice)
- d. Our equation: try everything I can then go to Jesus

My way: 70% effort and 30% faith
Jesus’ way: 100% faith then do the very best to deal with my pride

2. Time – when it comes to faith, we cannot expect to control time

- a. Faith is often referred to a mountain top experience, however, we must not forget that climbing mts is a peak and valley experience
- b. What do we learn from this?
 - 1) At times faith is a waiting game with peaks and valleys
 - 2) But, not always. It ranges from instantly to whenever God wants to in His own perfect time.

**Let the creator of the time be the master of time.

3. People (3 types to watch out for)

- a. Realists
- b. Gawkers
- c. Scorners

IV. Take Aways ...

- A. When it comes to faith, it's not over 'til it's over.
- B. Get her something to eat.
- C. Definition of faith: Don't be afraid, only believe.

V. Call to a response