

Faith and Restoration

Luke 8:40–56

Main Point

Those who have true faith in Jesus will be restored.

I. Exposition

A. A Woman with a Hemorrhage

1. Around the time Jairus' daughter was born, this woman began to hemorrhage (likely a uterine hemorrhage).
 - a) Her standing in society was marred with shame.
 - b) To touch Jesus would be to cause Him to be ceremonially unclean (cf. Leviticus 15:25ff).
2. She spent money on physicians who in the end could do nothing for her (note Luke, a physician, observing this fact).
3. She reasoned that if Jesus could heal Jairus' daughter, He could heal her.
 - a) She reached out to touch the hem of His garment and was immediately healed.
 - b) What human physicians could not do for her for 12 years was instantaneously done by Jesus.
4. Jesus asked a question that in His divine nature He knew the answer to: "Who touched Me?"
 - a) The woman did not initially respond, perhaps out of embarrassment.
 - b) Peter believed Jesus' question to be preposterous, considering people were thronging to Christ and everyone was bumping into him on the journey.
 - c) Jesus recognized that His healing power went forth, and wanted to make take this moment to once more demonstrate His ability.
5. The woman admits to Jesus that she touched Him with the faith that He would heal her simply by touching the hem of His garment (cf. Mal. 4:2).
6. Jesus proclaims: "Be of good cheer; *your faith has made you well.*"

B. Jairus' Daughter Raised to Life

1. Jairus was a ruler of the synagogue, likely meaning that he helped with the organization of the synagogue services, of maintaining the synagogue building, etc.
2. He humbly falls down at the feet of Jesus and begs Him to heal his twelve-year-old daughter (Luke notes that this was his *only* daughter).
 - a) He had *faith* that Jesus could heal his daughter of her grave illness.

- b) He understood that he was at the mercy of Jesus' decision whether or not to come.
- 3. Jesus agrees, but as they approach the house someone comes up bringing the sad news: Jairus' daughter is dead, thus there was not need bothering the Rabbi any longer since *there was nothing else that could be done*.
- 4. Jesus observes that there are two things Jairus must do: (1) not fear, and (2) believe in the power of Jesus to raise his daughter from the dead.
- 5. Jesus only permitted the "inner circle" to see the miracle He was about to perform.
- 6. He then makes the "ridiculous" claim that the girl was only *sleeping*. This claim brought scorn from the people within the house.
- 7. Jesus commanded the dead girl's body to arise and from the dead the girl obeyed, coming back to life.
 - a) Bringing the dead back to life is impossible for man, but it is clearly possible for God (cf. Luke 1:37).
 - b) In the same way that the Creator of the universe brought life to all things (Gen. 1; 2:7), Jesus, the Second Person of the Godhead, brought life to that girl.
 - c) Paul, understanding the power of Christ to bring life to the dead may have had this very account in mind when he wrote about God bringing life to the *spiritually dead* (Eph. 2:1ff).
- 8. The Healer then commanded that the girl's parents tell no one about the event.

II. Truths

- A. Jesus has the power to deliver the helpless.
- B. Believers have confidence in Jesus' purpose and plan.