

SUBJECT : HEALING THE INCURABLE

BIBLE BASIS:

Lesson Scripture: LUKE 8:40-56


BIBLE TRUTH:

The role of faith in Jesus' miracles.

MEMORY VERSE: READ Luke 8:48

LESSON AIM:

That your students will understand
the role of faith in the miracles
performed by Jesus.



Introduction

- Today's lesson finds Jesus late in the second year of His public ministry. His popularity is very high. Before we reach the point of today lesson, we notice that crowds seek Him relentlessly. Luke 8:4, 19. But opposition presented itself as well. Luke 8:37. And yet as Jesus deals with both enthusiastic and hostile crowds, He never loses sight of the **individual**. That's how we see Jesus in today lesson. Taking time to minister to **individuals** as crowds pressing to hear him. Luke 15:7
- **See the Specialist:** Have you ever had to see a specialist? You went to see your regular physician, and for whatever reason, he or she sent you on to a specialist, someone better trained or with more experience for your situation. When the need is critical, you want the very best help. **Jesus is the ultimate specialist!!** He specializes in the critical needs of the body, soul and spirit. As one needs confidence in a physicians knowledge and skills to treat our needs, so our text challenges us to put our faith in Christ, even in the darkest hours. Jesus specializes in things that are impossible!!! Mark 9:23

So What If Someone Don't Receive You

- [40] And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him.
- The Gadarenes rejected Jesus, but the Galileans welcomed Him. Note two points.
- One people drove Him away; the other hoped in Him. One country was closed to Him; the other was opened to Him.
- Notice how Jesus deals with rejection. When the people of Gadarenes rejected him...He did not retaliate, strike back...He did not begin to moan, grumble, or complain...He did not slip into discouragement or depression...He did not quit. Phil. 2:14-16, Gal. 6:9
- What did He do?
- He immediately left the people of Gadarenes, the country of those who rejected Him, and sought to minister elsewhere. Matt. 10:14-15



He Swallowed His Pride

- [41] And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house:
- The faith of a desperate ruler. One of the persons waiting for Jesus was a man named Jairus.
- Jairus was a religious ruler, probably the highest ranking official in the area. He was the head of the synagogue, the very center of Jewish life in the city.
- Jairus approached Jesus willing to pay the ultimate price. He laid his position on the line in order to secure Jesus' help.
- The religionists were now opposing Jesus with a fierceness seldom seen, and they were attacking Him publicly. By coming to Jesus, Jairus was running the risk of arousing the hostility of his peers and losing his position.
- He denied and forgot self completely, laying all pride aside. He ran up to Jesus and fell down at Jesus' feet begging for help. Luke 9:24-26, James 4:6

What If It Were Your Child?

- [42] For he had one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him.
- Jairus' concern was for his only daughter. He was running the risk of losing everything for the sake of his twelve year-old daughter. She was his only child and she was dying.
- Note Jairus' faith. He besought (begged) Jesus to help. He believed with all his heart that Jesus could save his daughter—if He would only come to his house.
- Was Jairus saved? Is it a necessary requirement to get saved before Jesus can have compassion on you? Shouldn't Jesus at least ask Jairus to repent of his sins before he does anything for Jairus? Explain the leading with mercy principle
- Jairus' faith was immediately rewarded. "Jesus went"; He answered Jairus' plea. Jesus turned and began to move toward Jairus' house. The humble, self-denying approach of Jairus caused Jesus to turn and begin meeting his **felt need**.
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You Can Touch Him

- [43] And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, [44] Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd
- This woman had an embarrassing, hopeless, incurable issue for twelve years. In her attempt to get cured she went from doctor to doctor until she had spent all she had. And the condition grew worse.
- The reason she came behind him is two fold: First, she was considered ceremonially unclean; that is, she was cut off from society and religious worship (Leviticus 15:19-33). She had even been divorced, for the law required it (Leviticus 15:25-27).
- Imagine a woman having to live with the shame of being divorced because of a medical problem. Second, she was hesitant about letting anyone know about her condition. Her hemorrhaging was a personal, intimate matter for her.
- Was this woman saved? Is it a necessary requirement to get saved for Jesus to have compassion on you? Shouldn't Jesus at least ask the woman to repent of his sins before she ask Jesus for anything? Explain the leading with mercy principle

She Touched Him With Her Faith

- [45] And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? [46] And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.
- Note that many were thronging Jesus and touching Him, but only one touched Him in faith. The woman had an **expectant, believing attitude**. She believed that if she could only touch Him she would be made whole (Luke 8:47, Matthew 9:21, and she was: “Her issue of blood stopped at once.” Ps. 37:5
- Serving and helping others cost Jesus, and cost Him dearly. Virtue or spiritual power, flowed out from His being into the woman. It was that which healed her. Isa 53:4
- Note that the disciples were unaware of what it cost Jesus to minister.
- They were insensitive to the spiritual energy He was exerting, ignorant of what Jesus was doing: He was taking our infirmities upon Himself and bearing our sicknesses. Matt. 8:17,

Can You Touch Him And Remain Silent?

- [47] And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him and how she was healed immediately. [48] And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.
- Note what the woman did when she “saw that she was not hid.” She knew that He who had such power knew who had touched Him, so she came as all should come in approaching the Lord: “trembling and falling down before Him,” confessing all.
- The woman’s faith was rewarded because faith moves God. Her faith caused Jesus to meet her face to face; her faith did some wonderful things for her.
- She was called, “Daughter.” This was the only time Jesus ever called a woman, “Daughter.” What a distinct privilege! It meant she had become a child of God’s. Gal. 4:4-6, Phil. 4:6-7
- Is it fair to say Jesus allows people to come to a place of repentance? Can a person be forced into the place of repentance? Jer. 31:3

The Impossible Made Possible

- [49] While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the Master. [50] But when Jesus heard it, he answered him, saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. [51] And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden.
- Imagine the strong faith required to believe simply because of Jesus' Word. Despite the mockery they held on to God's word.
- Jesus even encouraged Jairis not to fear but believe only and she shall be made whole. The word whole indicates that Jesus ministers to the whole man body, soul, and spirit.
- Jesus took only the parents and His inner circle into the house. The inner circle would give enough witness to verify and record the incident for all generations.



Never Die

- [52] And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth. [53] And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead.
- Some argue that this girl was actually alive and that Jesus knew it. But note several facts. Jesus and the Bible speak of death as nothing more than sleep. By sleep is meant *rest and comfort in God* (Matthew 27:52; Acts 7:60; 1 Thes. 4:13-18).
- Many within the world think of death as ceasing to exist. Jesus drew the contrast in order to say that death is not ceasing to exist. Believers continue to exist in a place God has prepared for them. John 14:1-3
- Note that Jesus knew the girl was dead. Luke 8:53. He clearly said so.
- Note the words “her spirit came again.” The point is this: her spirit had left her body, and upon the command of Jesus, her spirit returned. Her life returned to the body immediately.
- “To be absent from the body [is] to be present with the Lord” 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil. 1:23.



Faith Made The Difference

- [54] And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. [55] And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. [56] And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done.
- The mourners who scorned Jesus would probably include relatives, friends, neighbors, and the professional mourners. The professional mourners were a custom in the East.
- The girl was dead. Some readers stress Jesus' words, "she is not dead, but sleepeth," saying that she was actually still alive.
- The parents' stubborn faith was rewarded, greatly so. Their faith caused Jesus to save their daughter, to actually raise her up from the dead. Her spirit returned to her body and she arose.
- Jesus gave an unusual command. He was probably commanding the parents to keep silent about the matter because the crowds surrounding Him were already too large.