

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"When Someone Steals Your Miracle"

Do Not Be Afraid, Only Believe

Today's Big Question: Do you believe that Jesus can _____?

Luke 8:40-56 (NKJV): A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

⁴⁰ So it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him. 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 begged Him to come to his house, ⁴² for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. ⁴³ Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, ⁴⁴ came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

When all denied it, Peter and those with him said, "Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' "

⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me." ⁴⁷ Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

⁴⁸ And He said to her, "Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

⁴⁹ While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's *house*, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher."

⁵⁰ But when Jesus heard *it*, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." ⁵¹ When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except ⁵² Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the girl. ⁵² Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping." ⁵³ And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead.

⁵⁴ But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, "Little girl, arise." ⁵⁵ Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given *something* to eat. ⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

When Someone Steals Your Miracle...

1. Don't let the _____ keep you from your _____ (v. 40, 42).

2. Don't let your _____ keep you from your _____ (v. 41).

James 4:6, 10; ⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

¹⁰ Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

3. Go after Jesus with a sense of _____ (v. 41-43).

4. Believe that God rewards _____ (v. 43-48).

5. Don't let your _____ circumvent your faith (v. 49).

Hebrews 11:1 (NLT); Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

6. Do not be _____, only _____ (v. 50-56).

Notice how Jesus deals with bad news:

- 1) Jesus didn't dwell on the bad news.
- 2) Jesus didn't get discouraged by the bad news.
- 3) Jesus addressed the fear of the problem.
- 4) Jesus stoked faith in the midst of the problem.
- 5) Jesus spoke promise when others were speaking problems.

Sermon in a Sentence: Faith turns man's worst reality into God's greatest promise.

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.