

## The Stories That Remain

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51 When they arrived at the house, Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl's father and mother.

52 The house was filled with people weeping and wailing, but he said, "Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep."

53 But the crowd laughed at him because they all knew she had died.

54 Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, "My child, get up!" 55 And at that moment her life returned, and she immediately stood up! Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56 Her parents were overwhelmed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened.

- 4) Tim talked about three different types of people surrounding Jesus in this passage. What were the three types?
- 5) What are the differences between Jairus and the woman?
- 6) What did Jesus call the woman that He healed, and why is that significant?
- 7) What do we learn about how Jesus loves people from His responses to all involved in this story?
- 8) How does His response illuminate His love for you, and how does that truth make you feel?
- 9) What do you think it might have been like to be in Jairus' shoes when he found out that his daughter was dead, yet Jesus told him "Don't be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed"?
- 10) From this Life Group quarter, what is your biggest take away?

### CHAIR TIME TOOLS

Think and pray through the following questions.

- 1) Who are the three types of people in this story, and who can you relate to the most?
- 2) How does Jesus treat all of the hurting, broken and fearful people in this story? How does that relate to you?
- 3) Take some time to think about something Jesus has saved you from, and thank Him for it.

**Key Text:** Luke 8:40-56

**Message Thread:** Knowing that God sees me right where I am gives me hope.

**God cares deeply about INDIVIDUALS in every crowd.**

- He cares about what's going on in your mind
- He cares about what's going on in your heart
- He cares about your struggles, hurts and hang ups
- He cares about you!

**God moves on behalf of those who have FAITH.**

*"But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners."* **Romans 4:5 NLT**

**A lack of faith comes from a lack of trust.**

- What's keeping you from trusting God?
- What do you need to trust God with?

**God takes our IMPOSSIBLE and makes it POSSIBLE.**

The Woman – Tried everything to no avail. (Healed)

Synagogue Ruler – Laid everything down and surrendered to Jesus. (Need met)

- What "Impossible" do you need to trust God to make POSSIBLE?

**What Next?**

First, **IDENTIFY** where you are at:

Watcher – observer, sceptic, curious

Walker – follower, content, idle

Wanter – surrendered, determined, expectant

Begin with the **FAITH** you have.

You must start somewhere. What's next?

Go to God **FIRST**:

Give God the first part of your morning.

Give God the moment before a difficult conversation.

Give God the first part of your listening.

### Challenge

-Identify the WHY. "Why am I not trusting God?"

-Identify the WHAT. "What is it that I need to trust God with?"

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## Life Group Homework

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Fall 2023 | Week 8

Message Date 11/5/2023

### MY STORY



- 1) What advertising jingle or song gets easily stuck in your head?
- 2) What is your favorite local restaurant, and what is your favorite meal to order there?

### QUICK REVIEW



- 3) What caught your attention from Sunday's message?

### DIGGING DEEPER / TAKING IT HOME



Luke 8:40-56 (NLT)

40 On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him. 41 Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come home with him. 42 His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying.

As Jesus went with him, he was surrounded by the crowds. 43 A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. 44 Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped.

45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

Everyone denied it, and Peter said, "Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you."

46 But Jesus said, "Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me." 47 When the woman realized that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him.

The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed. 48 "Daughter," he said to her, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

49 While he was still speaking to her, a messenger arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now."

50 But when Jesus heard what had happened, he said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed."